

**COMMENT OF  
THE DAY**

**Formosa: The  
Legal Tangle**

A PART from the un-  
fortunately abrupt re-  
jection by Peking of  
the New Zealand proposal  
for a China war ceasefire,  
it was a pity the UN re-  
solution should have be-  
come entangled with the  
legal and political issues  
of the status and future of  
Formosa. The raising of  
the issue, however, invited  
comment.

The Peking government holds  
that the treaty by which  
China ceded Formosa to  
Japan in 1895 was annulled  
by the Chinese declaration  
of war on Japan, and that  
thereupon Formosa again  
came legally under  
Chinese sovereignty.

That is a doctrine strange to  
international law. The  
Cairo Declaration of 1943  
is proof that it was not  
then accepted. For if it  
had been there would have  
been no occasion to speak  
of "restoring Formosa to  
the Republic of China".  
Apart from this, there  
seems to be general agree-  
ment that up to the  
moment of coming into  
force of the Japanese  
peace treaty Formosa,  
though by common consent  
of all the victorious allies  
was placed under the ad-  
ministration of Chung  
Kai-shek responsible to the  
whole body of the allied  
powers, nevertheless was  
juridically under Japanese  
sovereignty.

What then is the legal  
position since in the peace  
treaty Japan "renounced  
all right, title and claim to  
Formosa and the Pescad-  
ores"? Who then succeed-  
ed to the title and  
sovereignty is the real  
puzzle.

ONE of the most eminent  
of international lawyers, Dr  
Schwarzenberger, holds  
that "other parties to the  
peace treaty had become  
co-sovereigns of Formosa,"  
but there are obvious ob-  
jections to this conclusion.  
The peace treaty merely  
removed Japan's title  
without making any altera-  
tions in earlier arrange-  
ments for its administra-  
tion. It is reasonable to  
conclude, therefore, that it  
left untouched the position  
by which it is the former  
allied powers and not the  
Japanese peace treaty  
powers on whose behalf  
the Nationalists administer  
Formosa.

Dr Schwarzenberger cites the  
parallel of the cession of  
German colonies in 1919,  
but this appears to tell  
against him. The Versailles  
Treaty specifically trans-  
ferred sovereignty over  
German colonies to the  
"principal allied and  
associated powers." The  
Japanese treaty did nothing  
of the kind. It annulled  
Japanese title to Formosa  
without naming a successor.  
Juridically it seems to have  
left a vacuum; to have left  
the island under no sov-  
ereignty at all.

In fact, however, its sov-  
ereignty is simply in  
suspense, or as Sir Win-  
ston Churchill phrases it,  
"undetermined." But that  
concept raises a new  
difficulty. If sovereignty is  
"undetermined" how is it  
to be redetermined? If  
there is no present holder  
of the title, who has the  
right and by what author-  
ity to confer it, to nominate  
and appoint Japan's legal  
successor?

Here then is the legal tangle.  
In due course it may be  
thrown back on the United  
Nations to straighten out  
the complicated issues in-  
volved. But also to be  
borne in mind are the  
words of Mr Herbert  
Morrison when, as Foreign  
Secretary, he said that it  
was "clearly desirable that  
the wishes of the inhabi-  
tants of Formosa should be  
taken into account." Mr  
Attlee's more recent sug-  
gestion of a plebiscite is  
not without its sense of  
appropriateness.

# 7TH FLEET BEGINS EVACUATION

## Operation At Tachen To Last A Week AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN ACTION

**WITH THE SEVENTH FLEET, FEB. 8.  
FULL-SCALE EVACUATION OF  
THE BESIEGED NATIONALIST CHINESE  
ISLAND OF TACHEN GOT UNDERWAY  
AT DAWN TODAY.**

The first of approximately 14,000  
civilians who will leave their island home  
began boarding small landing craft which  
ferried them out to larger vessels for the  
voyage to Formosa.

Most of the evacuees carried with them  
bundles of household goods and treasured  
family possessions.

In Washington, a White House spokesman said  
President Eisenhower had received no reports of any  
"trouble" in the evacuation operations.

### ACTIVITY AT RED AIR BASE

With the 7th Fleet, Feb. 8.  
American forces jumped  
to the alert today as  
Seventh Fleet radar sets  
revealed heightened Com-  
munist activity at the  
Reds' Ningpo air base only  
15 minutes flying time  
from the Tachen Islands.

The powerful force of  
six US aircraft carriers  
were waiting watchfully  
within striking distance  
of the island ready to  
launch its jet planes should  
any Communist jets zoom  
down from Ningpo in an  
attempt to break up the  
Nationalist evacuation.

The Communists so far  
have avoided any clashes  
with US forces.

Fleet radar operators  
however, reported a "hu-  
tle and bustle" at Com-  
munist bases near Ningpo  
on the China mainland.  
There was no official  
comment on the Com-  
munist air activity over  
the mainland and no in-  
dication the Reds were  
planning any air attacks  
on the evacuation opera-  
tion.—United Press.

### Planes Driven Off, Claims Peking

Tokyo, Feb. 8.  
The Chinese Communist  
government claimed today  
its warplanes drove Ameri-  
can aircraft away from the  
area immediately north of  
the Tachen Islands on Mon-  
day.

The claim was coupled with  
an official warning that "if  
the US aircraft continue to  
carry out military provoca-  
tions they must bear all  
serious consequences arising  
therefrom."

A high US source said he  
did not believe a serious  
incident would arise out of  
air action during the Tachen  
Islands evacuation, "unless  
the Communists get cocky and  
sink a major US navy vessel."  
He said minor clashes, "dire  
warnings" from Peking, and  
even isolated aerial battles  
might occur if the Communists  
try to block the US-protected  
Nationalist evacuation, but "we  
are getting used to this sort  
of thing, and it doesn't start  
wars any more."  
Sinking of a US ship with  
the loss of hundreds of lives  
might produce a more violent  
reaction, by the US people, however,  
just as US air attacks against  
the Chinese mainland might force  
Peking to fight, the higher  
official said.—United Press.

### Princess Margaret In Trinidad Sunshine



In glaring Caribbean sunshine, Princess Margaret,  
wearing pale beige taffeta dress, walks from the Strato-  
cruiser Canopus with the Governor, Major-General Sir  
Hubert Rance (right) on her arrival at Piarco Airport,  
Trinidad, to begin her month-long tour of the West  
Indies. Also in the picture are Capt. P. Clough Fair,  
Canadian pilot of the Canopus (background, left) and  
Capt. Oliver Dawney, a member of the Princess' entourage.—Reuterphoto.

### Commonwealth Talks

## ANOTHER SECRET SESSION

London, Feb. 7.

The Commonwealth Prime  
Ministers decided today to  
extend their conference here  
for a further top secret session  
tomorrow on the Formosa  
crisis, usually well-informed  
sources said.

The statesmen had been due  
to wind up their Formosa talks  
tonight and hold the last  
plenary session of their week-  
long talks tomorrow morning.  
Now the plan is to start the  
morning session earlier than  
usual and discuss Formosa in  
the afternoon.

Diplomatic quarters said this  
was probably because the Prime  
Ministers are awaiting the out-  
come of consultations with the  
United States, which had been  
held up by the absence of Mr  
John Foster Dulles on holiday.

The American Secretary of  
State returned today and re-  
ceived in turn Sir Leslie Munro,  
New Zealand's Ambassador, and  
Sir Roger Makins, the British  
envoy. It was New Zealand which  
initiated the Security Council  
move to bring about a ceasefire  
in the fighting for the Na-  
tionalist-held islands.

The Commonwealth statesmen  
are unanimous in the view that  
the coastal islands are an in-  
tegral part of China, conference  
sources said.—Reuter.

## Dulles Doesn't Think Peking Will Go To War With US

Washington, Feb. 7.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, told the Senate  
Foreign Relations committee, today that he doubted whether the Chinese  
Communists "really intend to wage war against the United States" about  
Formosa.

In a prepared statement read to the committee behind closed doors, Mr Dulles  
called for early ratification of a mutual defence treaty with the Nationalist Chinese  
regime on Formosa.

Failure to ratify the treaty, Mr Dulles said, would result in "grave conse-  
quences" because such an act would be accepted as wavering by the United States in  
the face of Chinese Communist threats.

"I doubt that the Chinese  
Communists really intend to  
wage war against the United  
States unless the United States  
abandons this treaty with all  
that abandonment would im-  
ply," Mr Dulles said.

"I do not doubt that the  
Chinese Communists are  
probing our resolution. They no  
doubt hope that we want peace  
so greatly that we will re-  
treat in the face of their  
threats," Mr Dulles added.  
"It is true that we want peace  
and that we do want it ardently.  
We do not want it at the price  
of our security or of our honour.  
Indeed, experience shows that  
those who try in that way to  
buy peace in fact only increase  
the ultimate danger of war.  
They encourage the aggressors  
to make evermounting demands,  
so that in the end there is no  
alternative to fighting."

The committee session was  
held in private but Mr Dulles'  
statement was made available to  
the Press.

**FIRM ASSURANCE**  
In it he declared that approval  
of the treaty would provide firm  
reassurance to the Republic of  
China and to the world that

Formosa and the Pescadores  
"are not a subject for barter as  
part of some Far Eastern deal  
with the Chinese Communists."

The Secretary said that under  
the circumstances which the  
Chinese Communists themselves  
had deliberately created, failure  
to conclude the Formosa treaty  
would have the "gravest  
consequences."  
It would at once endanger the  
entire non-Communist position  
in the Western Pacific and in  
Southeast Asia, he said. It  
would stimulate the aggressive  
activities of international Com-  
munism everywhere and would  
grievously hurt the interests of  
free peoples everywhere, in-  
cluding that of the United States.

**"UNTHINKABLE"**

Mr Dulles said such a course  
was unthinkable. In the face of  
Communist probing deeds, and  
blustering words, the United  
States should remain calm,  
but it should remain firm in  
its purpose.

He said it was possible that  
ratification of the treaty and  
the recent congressional au-  
thority for the President to  
defend Formosa and the  
Pescadores would together  
"create a situation in which  
the present warlike mood of  
the Chinese Communists may  
subside."

Noting that the United  
States had mutual security  
treaties with other nations of  
the Western Pacific, Mr Dulles  
said that under these circum-  
stances the conclusion of a treaty  
with the Republic of China  
began to take significance.

It was suggested that the  
reason for this omission was  
that the United States desired  
to keep open the possibility of  
trading Taiwan (Formosa) and  
the Pescadores to Communist  
China as part of a general  
settlement in that area, he said.  
"Such ignoble suggestions were  
damaging to the morale and  
prestige of the Republic of China  
and they reflected on the  
integrity and honour of the  
United States."  
Some critics had contended  
that there was nothing in the

treaty itself which barred the  
Chinese Nationalists from  
launching an attack on the China  
mainland, which would drag the  
United States into an all out  
war.

Mr Dulles said today that in  
an exchange of notes between  
himself and the Chinese Minis-  
ter for Foreign Affairs, follow-  
ing the treaty signing, it was  
agreed that "offensive military  
operations by either party from  
the territories held by the Re-  
public of China would be under-  
taken only as a matter of joint  
agreement."

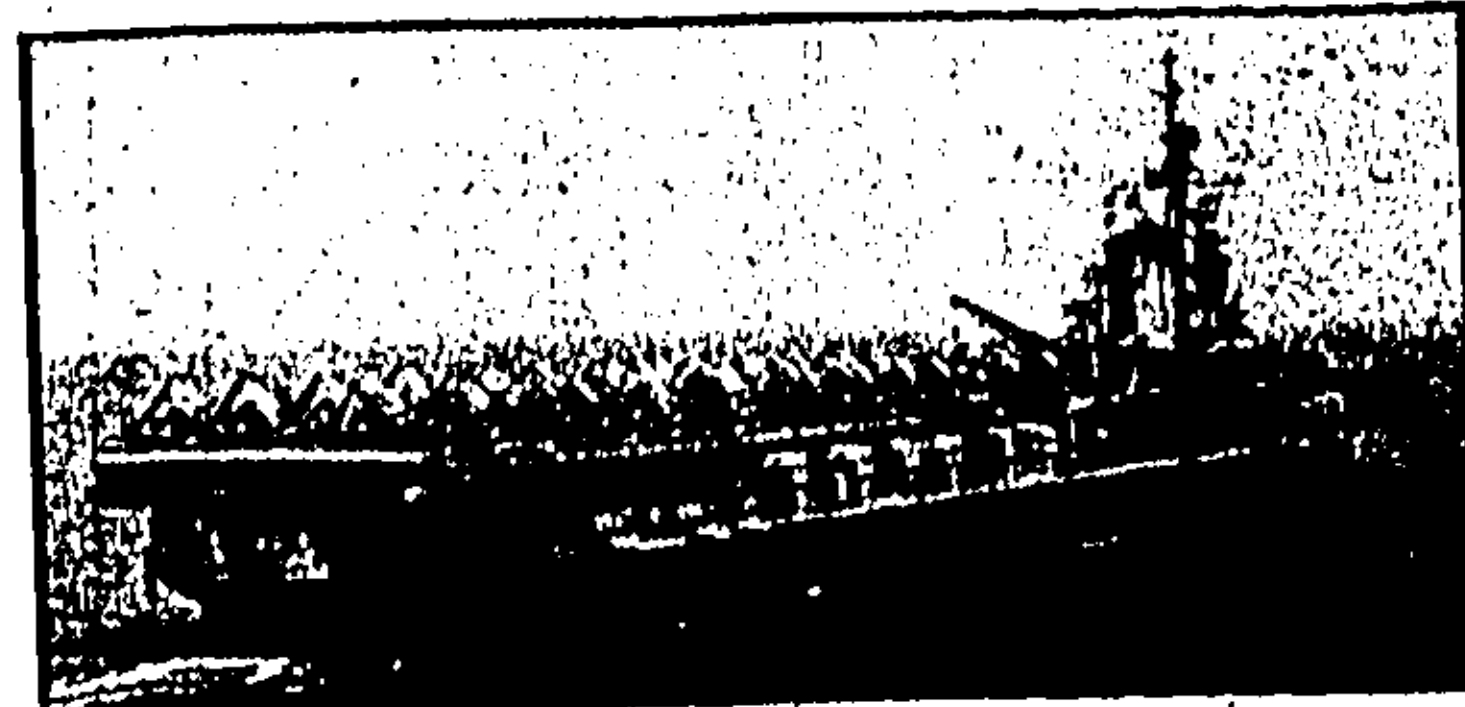
He said this was obviously a  
reasonable and earnest un-  
derstanding because unilateral  
offensive action by one party  
might throw heavy burdens on  
the other.

Mr Dulles said it had also  
been agreed that military ele-  
ments which were the product  
of joint effort and contribution  
would not be removed from the  
treaty area to a degree which  
would substantially diminish its  
defensibility unless by mutual  
agreement.

This meant, he said, that if  
the United States granted sup-  
plies and equipment for the  
forces on Formosa or had aided  
in the training, support and  
equipment of armed forces, the  
resultant strength would not be  
removed from Formosa to other  
areas without United States con-  
sent because the United States  
might be required continuously  
to replace what had been in-  
tended for the defence of For-  
mosa.

In addition to protection for  
Formosa and the Pescadores the  
treaty would cover "such other  
territories as may be determined  
by mutual agreement."  
Mr Dulles came to the Senate  
Committee after his dis-  
cussion of the Far Eastern situation  
this morning in a separate con-  
ference with President Eisen-  
hower at the White House, and  
the British Ambassador, Sir  
Roger Makins, and the New  
Zealand Ambassador, Sir Leslie  
Knox Munro, at the State  
Department.—Reuter.

### Joins Tachen Operation



The aircraft carrier, USS Midway, which has joined the  
US Seventh Fleet at Tachen.

## Friday Is Pinay's Deadline

Paris, Feb. 7.

M. Antoine Pinay, France's Conservative "busi-  
nessman" Premier in 1952,  
said tonight he was con-  
fident that barring "un-  
expected difficulties" he  
would be able to present a  
new government to the Na-  
tional Assembly on Friday.  
He was speaking after talks  
with top government officials  
and M. Pierre Mendes-France,  
the "joke wolf" Radical whose  
eight-month-old government  
fell on Saturday.

M. Pinay said he had thought  
he could present his new  
government on Thursday, but  
President Rene Coty was giving  
an official reception to parlia-  
mentarians that night.

M. Pinay who has not yet had  
talks with the chief party  
leaders, made no comment on a  
long meeting he had today with  
M. Rene Massigli, former  
French Ambassador in London,  
who is now permanent head of  
the French Foreign Office.—  
Reuter.

### DUKE OF KENT GOES SKIING

Vienna, Feb. 7.

The Duke of Kent arrived at  
Kitzbuehl, a fashionable winter  
sports centre in the Tyrol last  
night for a skiing holiday.

The 19-year-old Duke took  
a room in a modest boarding  
house where his room and  
breakfast will cost him only 14  
shillings a day.—Reuter.

## Colonial Rule Defended

London, Feb. 7.

The House of Commons  
tonight passed unopposed a  
bill to make another £80  
million available for develop-  
ment and welfare schemes  
in the British colonies over  
the next five years, bring-  
ing the total to £120 million.  
The bill now goes to the  
House of Lords.

During the committee stage—  
when it was debated clause by  
clause—the Labour opposition  
sought to reduce the number of  
years from five to three and  
thus make more money available  
for each year. But its amend-  
ment was negatived without a  
vote.

In a discussion on social ser-  
vices in the colonies, Mr Charles  
Boyle, Labour, said he hoped  
Princess Margaret would see in  
Jamaica some of the things he  
had seen there.

In one part he saw "thou-  
sands of tin dwellings" with very  
little in the way of water supply  
and sanitary arrangements,  
where thousands of Jamaicans  
were compelled to live.

Mr Mont Follick, another  
Labour member, said Britain  
had nothing to be ashamed of in  
her colonies.

Speaking from experience in  
extensive visits, he said Britain  
might have exploited her terri-  
tories but she always put some-  
thing back to replace what she  
took out.—Reuter.

### BLIZZARDS IN NORTH ENGLAND

London, Feb. 7.

Icy blizzards swept across  
Northern England and Scotland  
today ending the past fortnight's  
"little spring" and covering  
parts of the country with deep  
snow.

Snowploughs were out clear-  
ing the main roads.  
Rain fell in the South, in-  
cluding the London area.—  
Reuter.

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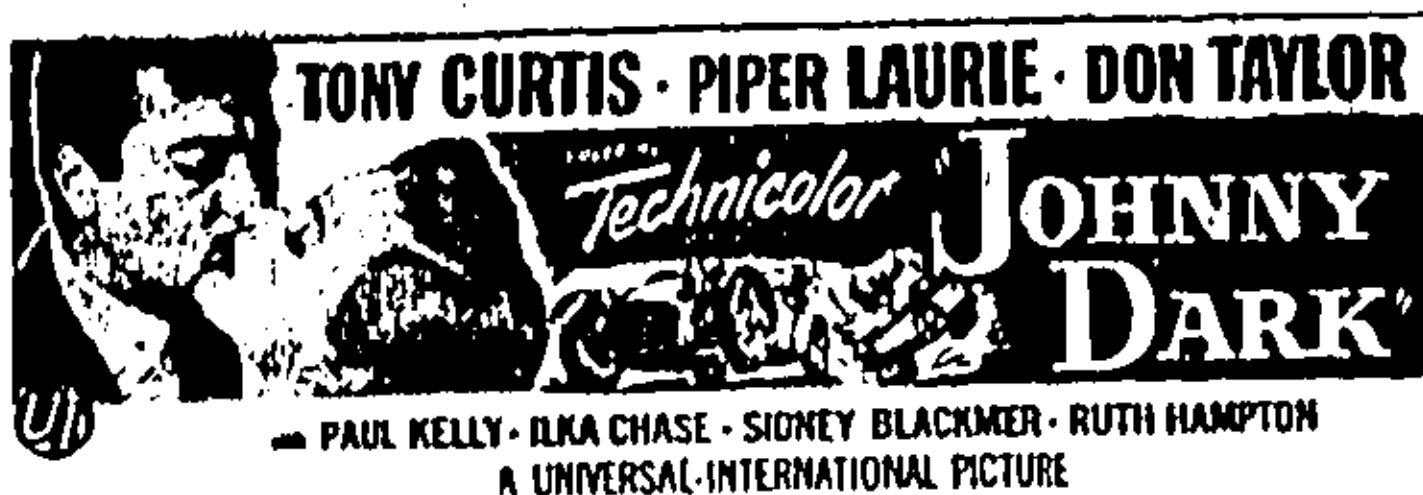
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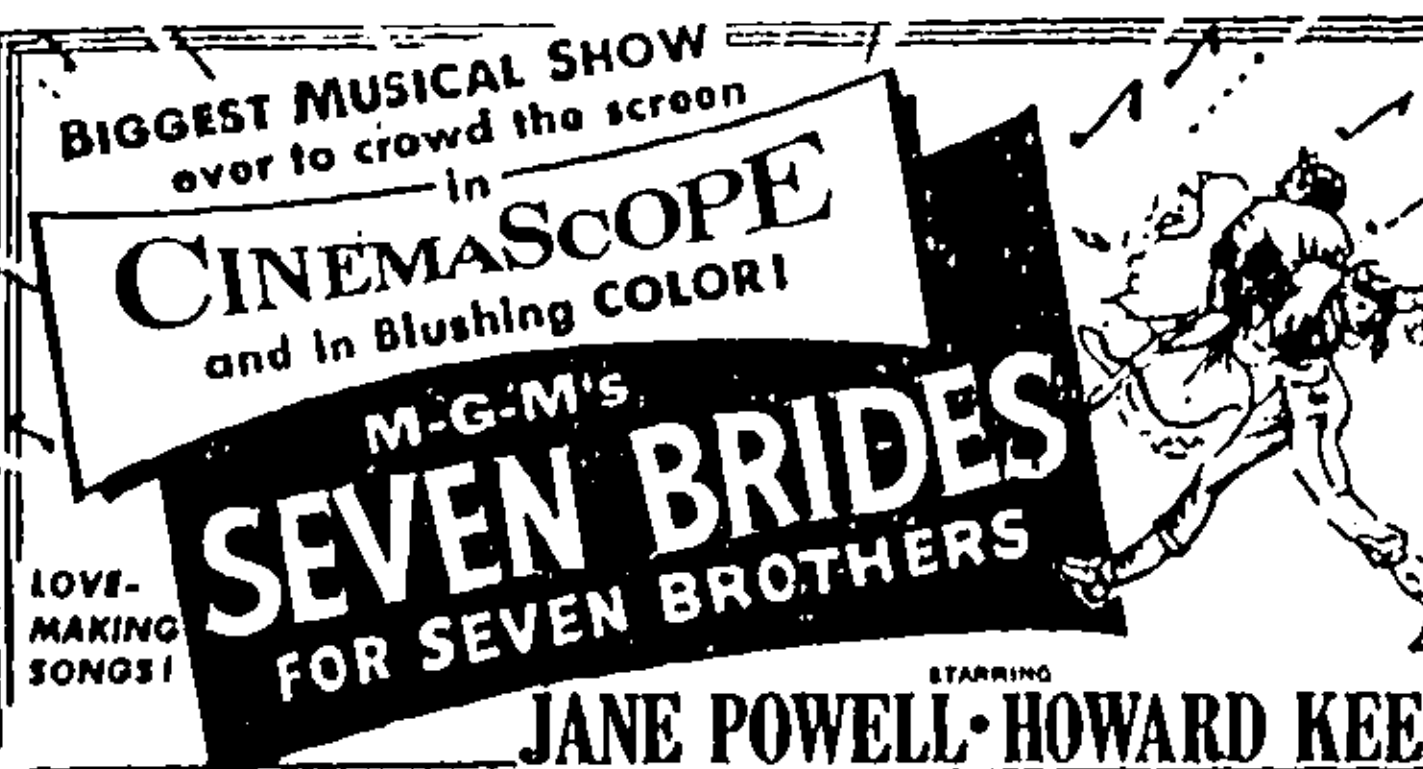
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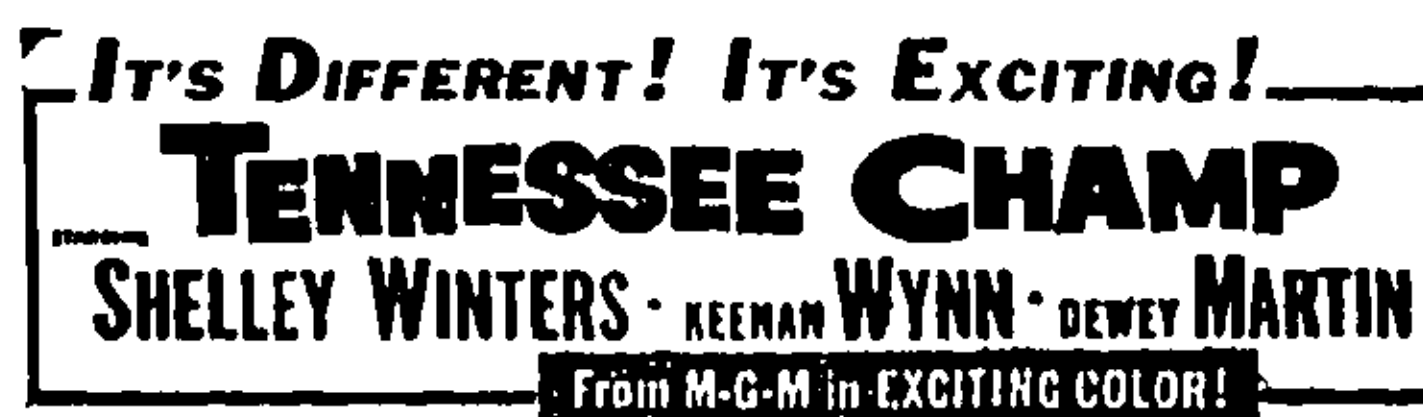


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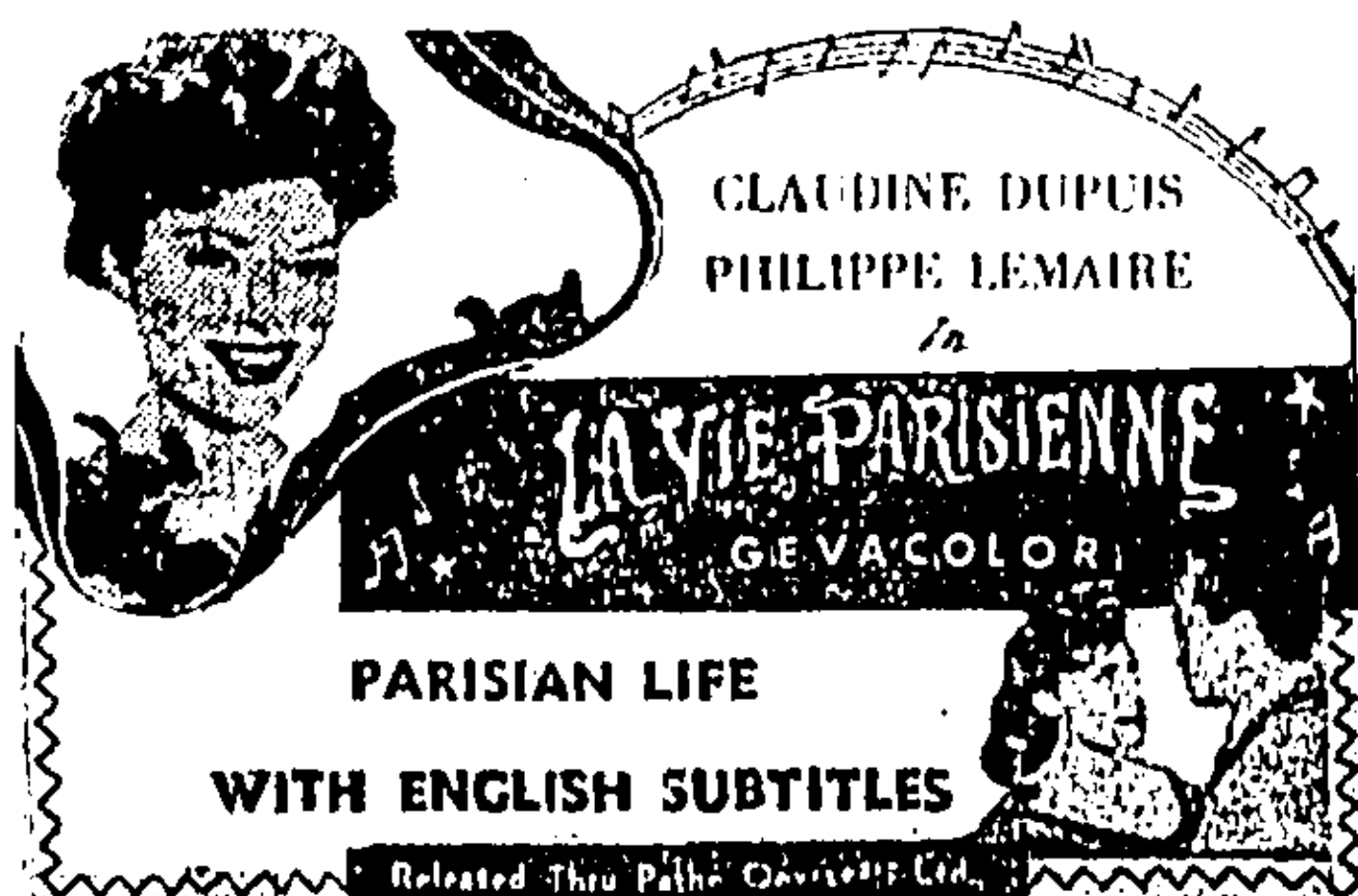
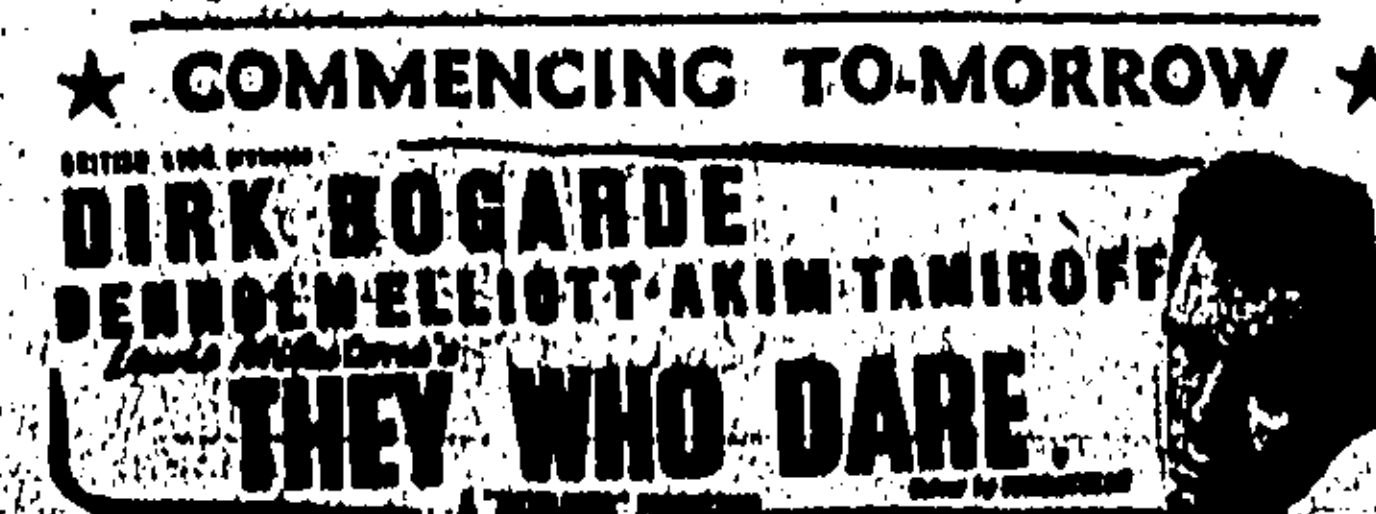
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## PARIS TREATIES

Adenauer To Press  
Forward  
With Ratification  
DISREGARDING CRISIS  
IN FRENCH GOVT.

Bonn, Feb. 7.

The Bonn Government parties lined up solidly behind Chancellor Konrad Adenauer tonight to press forward with ratification of the Paris arms treaties regardless of the French crisis.

The second and third readings of the ratification bills are scheduled in the Bundestag (lower House) for February 24 and 26. But immediately after the fall of the French Premier, M. Pierre Mendès-France, the Opposition Socialists here demanded a postponement of ratification in the Bonn Parliament.

Dr. Adenauer told a two-day conference of his own Christian Democrats (CDU) during the week-end that he could not tolerate any such delay.

## SOLID SUPPORT

Representatives of the other parties in the coalition Government swung solidly behind him today, making it certain that the Socialist proposal would be turned down cold.

The final decision is scheduled to be taken by the Bundestag's Steering Committee—the so-

called "Council of Elders"—tomorrow.

Dr. Adenauer is scheduled to launch a campaign on behalf of the Paris treaties with a speech at Frankfurt tomorrow.

Later he will address parliament rallies at Hanover and Munich.

He and leaders of all the coalition parties will climax the campaign at a rally at Hamburg on February 19.—United Press.

Warm Hand  
And Hot HipPrincess Margaret  
Again Caught  
In The Rain

St George's, Grenada, Feb. 7.

Princess Margaret used an open touring car for the first time during her Caribbean tour today—and was caught by rain.

As she was driving round Queen's Park here, where 7,000 children attended a rally in her honour, the rain started. She was quickly given an umbrella and within a few seconds her chauffeur had raised the hydraulically operated hood of the car.

But even then her lavender blue dress with an off the shoulder neckline was spotted with rain.

Princess Margaret drove over to a small agriculture exhibition showing the island's main produce, where members of her entourage stood wearing rain-coats.

## THE SUN SHONE

She sat in the car for a few minutes until the rain stopped. As the sun shone again, she inspected the exhibition before leaving, and loud cheers for a drive through the capital.

The rain scattered the children at the rally, in their schools, Boy Scout and Girl Guides uniforms. They dashed for shelter, crowding a first aid post where several cases were being treated, and crawling under a platform.

About half the children stood their ground until the weather cleared.

During her visit to Queen's Park, the Princess was presented with a gold and enamel brooch, shaped like an open nutmeg—the gift of the people of Grenada.

A ten-year-old Wolf Cub, Richard Jacobs, handed it to her on a small scarlet cushion. Then he snapped a salute like a guardsman and bowed deeply. He got a round of applause.

Then 17-year-old Queen's Guide, Maureen Lawrence, stepped up and presented the Princess with a bouquet.

Welcoming the Princess, Mr. T. A. Marryshow, veteran West Indian politician, said: "You have come to us at a time when we of the scattered West Indies have before us the question of West Indian Federation—the achievement of which we trust will draw us nearer to the bosom of the British Commonwealth."

## FIRST AID

Several children had to be treated by first aid men as they waited in the hot sun. One boy was carried off on a stretcher.

As Princess Margaret was arriving two ambulance men dashed on to the field with a

tub of water to cool the children's faces.

After her drive through the capital, the Princess lunched at Government House. This afternoon she is going swimming.—Reuter.

FORMER AMERICAN  
COMMUNIST  
FACES GRAND JURY

New York, Feb. 7.

A former Communist, Harvey Matusow, goes before a Federal Grand Jury today for questioning on his statement that he gave false testimony at the trial of 13 second-string Communists.

The 28-year-old Communist who became an FBI informer said last week that he lied during the trial of Communists convicted in 1952 of advocating the overthrow of the U.S. Government by force. Matusow also said he lied during Senate Sub-Committee investigations into Communist activities.

## LEADERS APPEAL

The Communist leaders have appealed for a new trial on the basis of Matusow's statement that he had testified falsely against them.

The Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee has subpoenaed Matusow to appear on Tuesday for questioning on his testimony during earlier Sub-Committee investigations including the hearings which resulted in the perjury indictment against the Far East expert, Owen Lattimore.

He also was a witness in hearings on Communist control of youth organizations and of two unions—the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and the Distributive, Processing and Agriculture Workers', Matusow

Friends of Arab League meet. Iraq's Prime Minister, Nuri Al Said (left) is welcomed by Egypt's Prime Minister, Abdel Gamal Nasser (centre) and Foreign Minister Madmoud Fawzi, when the trio met to discuss Iraq's recent signing of a defence treaty with Turkey. The three smile amiably at the meeting, but notice the butt of a revolver sticking out of Premier Said's pocket.

TERRORIST  
KILLED

Algiers, Feb. 7.

One terrorist was believed killed yesterday when about 20 outlaws tried to kidnap an Algerian militiaman from his home in the village of Talamokor, it was learned today.

The would-be victim was absent but the cries of his family brought several other village militiamen to the scene.

After a short gun battle, the outlaws made off carrying one of their comrades who fell during the skirmish.—France-Press.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

SHOWING TO-DAY

NEXT CHANGE ! Columbia's CinemaScope Musical Hit!  
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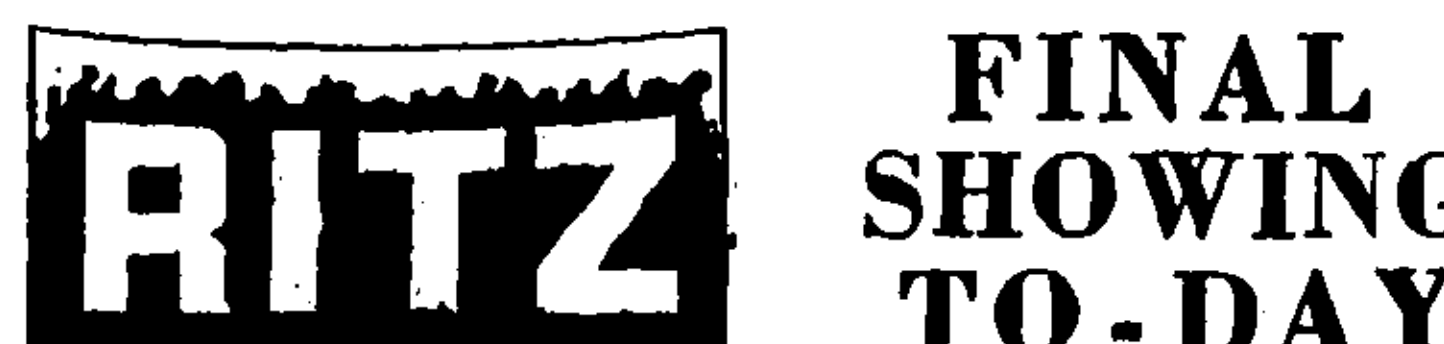
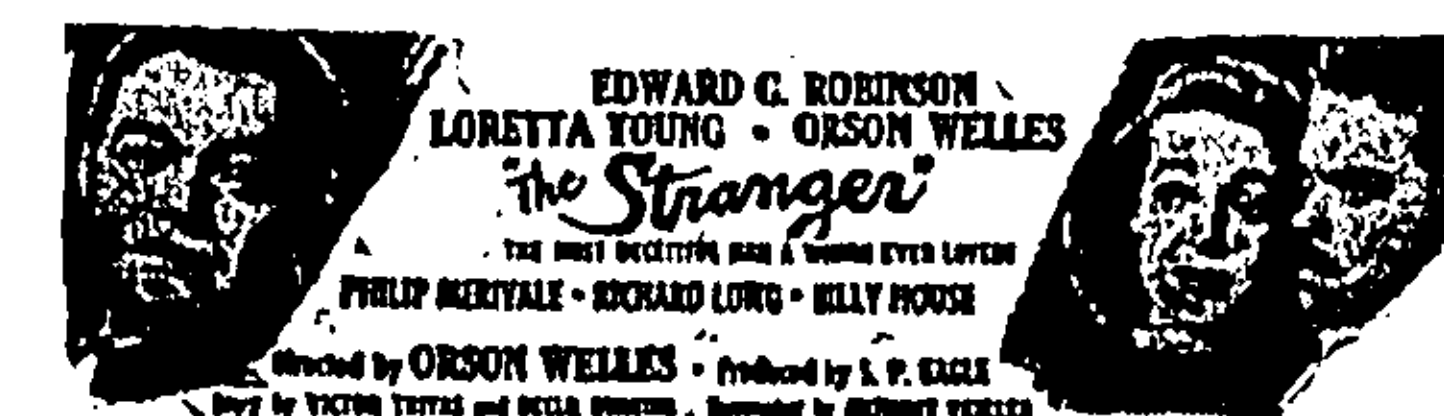
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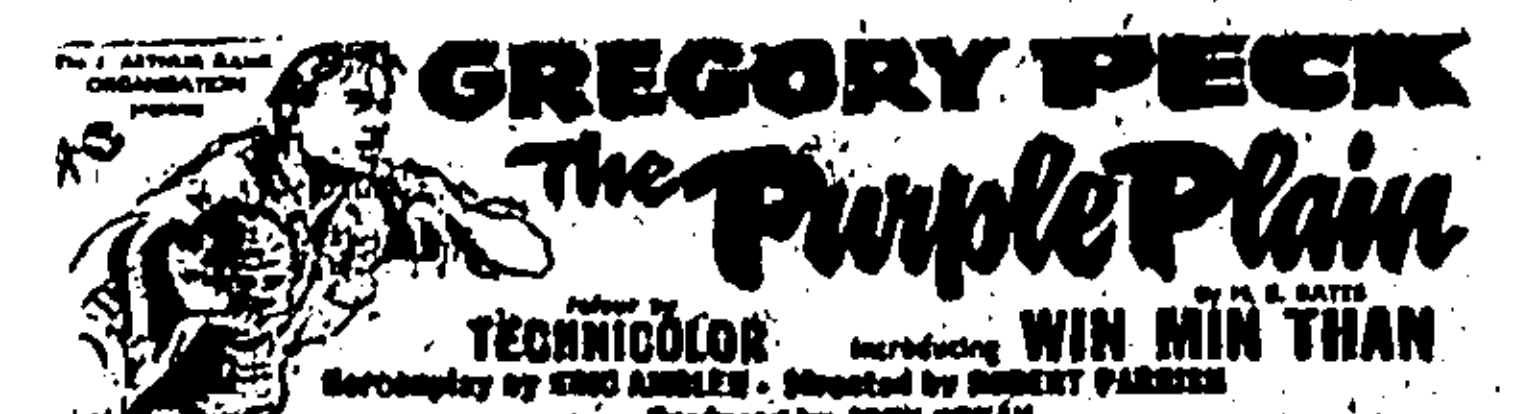
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"I want to go on record as saying Rita is not responsible for any of my obligations," Haymes told reporters.

"I feel acute responsibility that they should be paid and out of my pocket."

Rita confirmed this when reporters asked her if she were "rich or broke."

"My husband takes care of me," she smiled. "He's the provider"—United Press.



# FINAL DECISION ON FORMOSA

Busts Of Indian Statesmen

Information On British Prisoners Requested



LOUIS ST. LAURENT

## Canadian Premier Honoured

London, Feb. 7. Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Prime Minister of Canada, was today given the highest honour of the City of London, the Freedom of the City.

The ceremony, which took place at the Guildhall, was presided over by the Lord Mayor, Sir George Gower.

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## Should Be Considered In General Context Of Far East Situation

London, Feb. 7.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, said today Britain still believed that a final decision on Formosa's future should be considered in the general context of the Far Eastern situation.

Mr Geoffrey Bing (Labour) had asked in the House of Commons whether the British Government considered it was no longer bound by the Cairo and Potsdam Declarations on the future of Formosa.

The wartime Cairo Declaration (by the late President Roosevelt, Sir Winston Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek) said Formosa should return to China.

The Potsdam Declaration, which Formosa was described by inference as an integral part of China.

Sir Anthony replied that it was not so. At the time of the signing of the Japanese Treaty at San Francisco, it was not possible to dispose of Formosa. Had it been, it would have been included in the Treaty. Therefore, all the Treaty did was to say that Japanese rights were ended.

That, the Foreign Secretary added, was the position of all the signatories at San Francisco.

Mr Emmanuel Shinwell, a former Labour Defence Minister, asked whether the Foreign Secretary would not agree that the present context made change in the situation as contrasted with the time the Japanese Treaty was signed.

Mr Shinwell suggested that in these circumstances it would go a long way to satisfy the Chinese.

"No, Sir. The position is exactly the same as under the Labour Government and was made perfectly clear by the then Foreign Secretary in May, 1951, when he said:

"The question of Formosa will come up in the context of the Japanese Peace Treaty. Our aim is to secure an early peace treaty without allowing the difficult issue of Formosa to delay its negotiation and without attempting in the treaty to find a final solution to an issue which must be given careful consideration later in the general context of the Far Eastern situation."

That, Sir Anthony added, was still the position of the British Government.

Mr Tom Driberg (Labour) suggested there was a serious difference of opinion between Washington and London in view of the Foreign Secretary's statement on Friday that the status of Formosa was uncertain, and in view of the terms of the treaty between the United States and the Chinese Nationalist Government.

In that statement, the United States Government reiterated the United States determination to "secure and protect Formosa" and expressed the hope that "these steps would contribute to a cessation of Communist attacks and to the restoration of peace and security in the West Pacific."

The Generalissimo's statement today was therefore interpreted here as reflecting one of the situations referred to by President Eisenhower last week in which the views of the United States and Nationalist Chinese representatives "do not exactly coincide."

When President Eisenhower launched his new Formosa programme on January 24, high officials here made it clear that the Eisenhower Administration had written off the idea of an armed invasion of the mainland and re-establishing the Nationalist Chinese Government there.

Under the recently signed mutual defence treaty between the two governments, the United States has the power to veto any such armed invasion of the mainland by the Chinese Nationalists and is expected to exercise that veto under the circumstances which are likely to exist for some time.

The Eisenhower Administration has not yet adopted the "two Chinas" concept of accepting a Communist controlled mainland and a Nationalist controlled Formosa as two separate, independent nations.

But officials do now compare the divisions between the two areas to the divisions between Communist and non-Communist Germany and Korea.

And they emphasize that in the Formosan situation, armed force should not be looked upon as the primary way of achieving unification and liberation. Such liberation, it is thought here, is more likely to occur eventually as a result of unceasing Communist misrule.



Freedra Brilliant carefully adjusts her bronze head of India's chief delegate to the United Nations, Mr Krishna Menon, at a London art gallery. Behind her is her bronze head of India's Premier, Mr Nehru. — Reuterphoto.

## Old Buddhist Temple Found

New Delhi, Feb. 7.

A 1,200-year-old Buddhist temple belonging to the post-Gupta period, and a fine sandstone image of Buddha seated on a throne, have been unearthed by archaeological excavations on the outskirts of Sirpur village.

Archaeologists believe the shrine and the adjoining "Vihara" (temple) might have been built by the Pandava ruler, Mahasiva Gupta, alias Balharjuna.

The sandstone image of Buddha bears Buddhist inscription in characters identified as belonging to this period.

The plan and layout of the monasteries, the presence of the images of Ganga and Yamuna on the doorway of the shrine and the general style of the sculpture also characterize the building complex as typical post-Gupta work. The excavations, sponsored by the University of Sagar at the instance of the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, have been in progress for over two months.—China Mail Special.

## AFRICAN ATE HIS NEPHEW

Paris, Feb. 7.

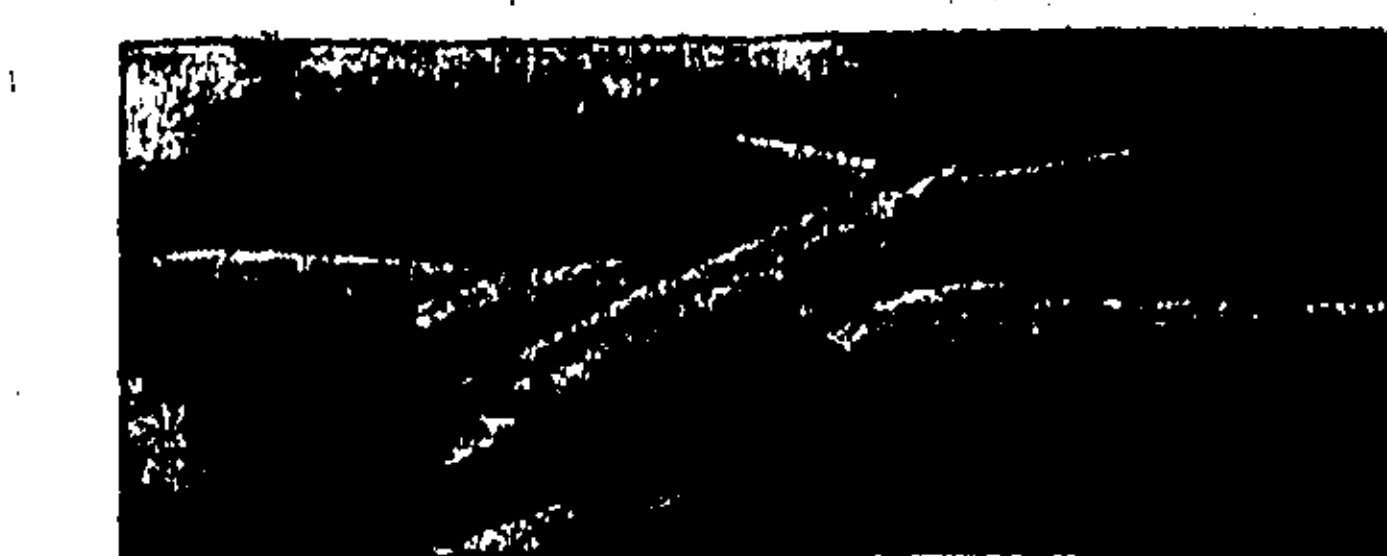
Djumbo, an African accused of killing and eating his nephew in a remote jungle area of French Equatorial Africa, was sentenced to death by the Brazzaville Court.

The Court acquitted another African, Ngoto, on the grounds that there was reasonable doubt that he committed the crime.

Mobodo, a pygmy, who was alleged to have hidden behind a tree and to have watched the crime being committed, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment for failing to report it.

It was stated in court that an examination of bones left at the scene gave conclusive evidence that the dead man had been cut up and parts of his body cooked.—China Mail Special.

## Canberra Bombers Leave For Malaya



FOUR of the latest type of twin jet Canberra B-6 bombers left the big Royal Air Force base at Binbrook, near here, today for Malaya.

THEY will be the first jet bombers to go into action against the hard core of 5,000 Communist "terrorists" still holding out in the jungle.

BUT their departure means more than a three-month mission in a miniature war. UNDER the leadership of Squadron Leader Bill Robertson, they will undertake a comprehensive series of operational trials to test the take-off and general flying performance of the new Canberra in the hot and humid climate of Malaya.

THE crews will also report on the behaviour of the electrical and other installation in the aircraft—and also on the general physiological effects upon themselves.

WITH the four Canberras are two Hastings transports carrying two reserve aircraft, 50 ground crew and 20,000 pounds of equipment.

BEFORE the aircraft left, Mr Enloe Othman, Commissioner for Malaya in the United Kingdom, wished the crew good luck.—China Mail Special.

## Senator Refutes McCarthy's Allegations

RED MONEY FOR CAMPAIGN

Washington, Feb. 7.

Senator John McClellan said today that files of the Senate Investigating sub-Committee contained nothing to support Senator Joseph McCarthy's charge that a Democratic Senator got a \$300 campaign contribution from a Communist official.

Sen. McCarthy made the charge in Milwaukee last weekend. He said Sen. McClellan dismissed an investigator, Charles Tracy, for digging up the information. Sen. McClellan had said earlier he knew nothing about Senator McCarthy's charge.

Sen. McCarthy again demanded "more information" on his charge. The added information, he said, might be gained by calling the Senator before a Senatorial Committee to testify under oath.

NOT IN SPEECH

Although the Wisconsin Republican first made the accusation when he arrived on Saturday night, he did not mention it in a speech before a business group last night.

Nor did he refer to an added charge that three Congressmen he believed to be Democrats received \$100 each from the same Communist official.

Instead, he gave guarded praise to the Eisenhower Administration, but warned, "I never intend to be a rubber stamp."

It was the first time that Sen. McCarthy has found kind words to say for the Republican Administration in many months.

Sen. McCarthy did not identify the Communist official who made the alleged campaign contributions. However, he said he was a West Coast party figure and a known Red.—United Press.

## Confidence In Cambodian Monarch

Paris, Feb. 7.

King Norodom Sihanouk, 34-year-old soldier king of Cambodia, won an overwhelming "vote of confidence" in his capital when a national referendum was held on his rule.

About 33,000 of the 36,000 voters in Phnom Penh went to the polls and only 23 of them voted against a continuance of the King's rule.

Results from other parts of the country are not yet available and the complete result is not expected before February 9.

Today's referendum resulted from the King's decision in June, 1952, to dissolve the National Assembly on the grounds that it was paralysed by party bickering.

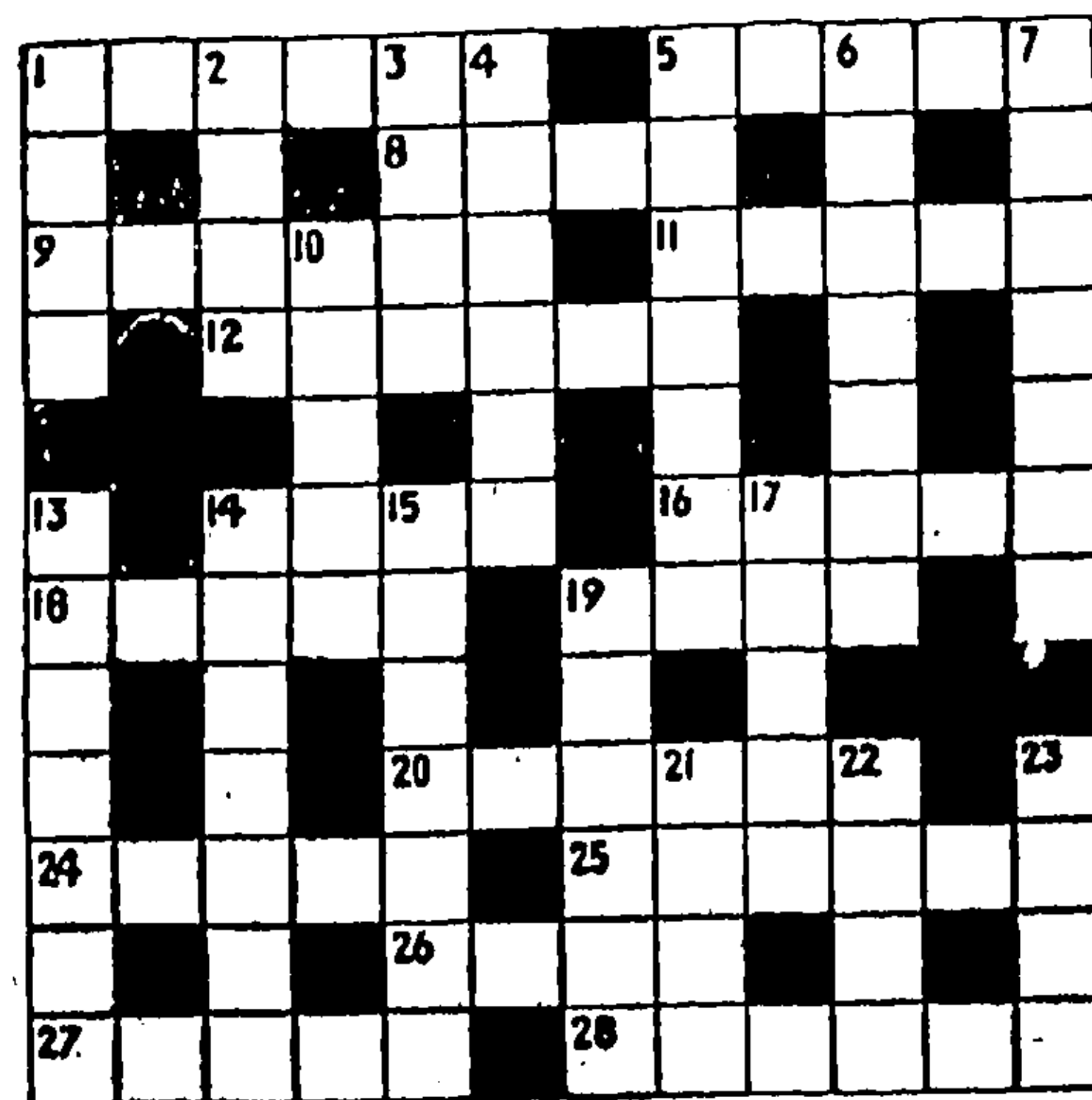
He asked more than 500,000 voters to "give the Royal mission been fulfilled to the people's satisfaction?"—Reuter.

## Jordan Plans

Cairo, Feb. 7. Mr. Ebn Johnstone, President Eisenhower's special envoy, in the Middle East, today outlined plans for expediting the settlement of the Arab-Jordan talks with a view to the Arab-Jordan talks.

A communiqué issued today here announced that Mr. Johnstone and the Arab representatives had reached "mutual understanding" on the question of the representatives of Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon would submit Mr. Johnstone's plans to their respective governments.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 Tune (6).
  - 5 Might (5).
  - 8 Bring up (4).
  - 9 Severe trial (6).
  - 11 Relieved (5).
  - 12 Furs (6).
  - 14 Defect (4).
  - 16 Ventures (5).
  - 18 Was ill (6).
  - 19 Marries (4).
  - 20 Allow (6).
  - 24 Proportion (5).
  - 25 Cause (6).
  - 26 Furs (4).
  - 27 Mournful tune (5).
  - 28 Comes in (6).
- DOWN
- 1 Tie up a boat (4).
  - 2 Covers (4).
  - 3 Uninteresting (4).
  - 4 Colour (6).
  - 5 Take the chair (7).
  - 6 Idlers (7).
  - 7 Reproduction (7).
  - 8 Bird (5).
  - 13 Ripened (7).
  - 14 Adulter (7).
  - 15 Cripple (7).
  - 17 Own up (6).
  - 19 Trill (6).
  - 21 Demagogue (4).
  - 22 Hour (4).
  - 23 Incites (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1. Dregs, 4. Rescue, 8. Spread, 10. Icons, 12. Rascal, 14. Desert, 17. Nice, 19. Kennels, 20. Mariner, 22. Anon, 23. Signify, 27. Settle, 28. Lease, 30. Errata, 31. Trying, 32. Stern. Down: 1. Doed, 2. Earls, 3. Space, 5. Epic, 6. Coolie, 7. Ensnare, 9. Darkest, 11. Cannon, 13. Sterile, 15. Egan, 16. Shines, 18. Cleft, 20. Mallet, 21. Rosary, 24. Germs, 25. Late, 26. Yarn, 28. Fern.



# COMMUNISTS' DILEMMA IN EAST GERMANY

By Julius Gould

IN Russia's European empire the big battle is the battle for production. Everywhere this has high priority and nowhere higher than in Eastern Germany, which in recent years has lurched from one crisis to another.

With political liberties extinguished the Party leaders first tried a campaign of high-speed communism. Economic chaos was the result and political unrest. When the building workers in East Berlin touched off the June rebellion in 1953 they, like their comrades elsewhere, were defeated by Russian

course" has changed none of this. In the autumn of 1954 the Party held an election on the Soviet model under Molotov's patronage. The Government, of course, was "re-elected."

3. The economic position is most unhealthy. This was made clear after the election by Ulbricht in November. He deplored the low productivity still prevailing in a large number of publicly-owned enterprises, and showed how all the threats and pleadings of the last two years have miserably failed. During the first half of 1954, he stated, production costs were lowered by less than one percent. The smallest reduction in years. Consumer goods are still not available in any quantities. There are widespread inefficiency and serious financial errors. For example, by September 30, unprofitable enterprises had swallowed up all the subsidy to which they were entitled for the whole of 1954.

## No Confidence

Julius Gould, lecturer on Sociology at the London School of Economics, has contributed numerous articles to periodicals on political and trade union questions. He had a distinguished academic career and was a scholar of Balliol College, Oxford, before becoming Assistant Lecturer at University College, London.

hanks. This was an easy "victory" for the regime, but it has proved much harder to revive the languishing economy of Eastern Germany or to make its citizens enthusiastic.

The "New Course," the half-way house to full Communism adopted in the aftermath of the June rising, can now be adjudged a failure. For the Communist leaders are still distrusted by the masses and they continue to face economic and social crises.

True, they have a very difficult job, for how are they to make a viable State out of a fragment of Germany? How can they induce factories and farms to "deliver the goods"? Three factors are too clear to be disguised.

1. Eastern Germany is an artificial creation of Soviet foreign policy. All the patriotic talk about "national independence" and German unity cannot hide this. 2. Eastern Germany is a police State. Political power rests with the Party, not with the people. The "New

Obviously the Party's milder attitude since the June rebellion has failed, instead of encouraging greater effort, it has fostered apathy and slackness.

Ulbricht has reason for anxiety. The East Germaners realize that it takes them twice as long to earn a suit of clothes or even a dozen eggs as it takes their West German cousins, and they have no confidence that hard work will really bring them material benefits.

This lack of confidence the "New Course" has done nothing to dispel. Price reductions have been few indeed and have benefited only the highest paid workers. A low level of real wages, not enough goods in the shops, and the rumbling threat of monetary inflation—this is the outlook for East Germany in 1955.

What have Ulbricht and his friends to offer? The usual exhortations which fall on deaf ears, and the ominous threat to raise working norms to what is "technically possible." He admitted that the workers were rather unhappy about such changes, but he promised that higher living standards would, in the end, be theirs. His one positive proposal can scarcely have been well-received.

From January 1, 1955, the funds for "social amenities" in industry are to be entirely dependent on the profits of industry. This means tightening with a vengeance an already very tight belt. We shall soon see how it all works out.

The sad thing for Ulbricht is that he has so little to offer immediately—even 10 months after the inception of the "New Course." He has no economic reserves and can provide no direct incentives.

Political freedom and free trade unions do not exist.

Moreover, the rearmament drive ordered by Moscow will put fresh strains upon the economy. In obedience to his Russian masters, Ulbricht will give the East Germans guns when they would prefer butter and eggs, or warm winter clothing.

Against this background will they believe in his promises, or will they show, by continued apathy and low production, the growing gap between the "People's Government" and the people's will?

## Should We Add Them To Drinking Water?

# FLUORIDES MAY BE POISONOUS

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

LONDON. A HEALTH Ministry plan to put chemicals called fluorides into drinking-water may poison millions of people, Dr. Hugh Sinclair, director of Oxford University Laboratory of Human Nutrition, warns.

Fluorides might help to prevent tooth decay in children up to eight years of age, but adults, who would also have to drink the water, could not benefit and might be slowly poisoned, he says.

The local authorities of Anglesey, Darlington, Kidderminster, and Watford have agreed to add fluorides to public water supplies on the evidence of U.S. tests. If tooth decay is eventually reduced among children there more areas will be urged to follow suit.

Dr. Sinclair believes that fluorides, which are known to be poisonous above certain strength, may be more dangerous in Britain than in the U.S. for three reasons—

1. Most Britons are already taking in substantial quantities of fluorides in tea, which is rich in them;

2. They get further amounts from fish and other sea foods more widely eaten in Britain than in America;

3. Britain's polluted air contains so much fluoride that animals have sometimes been noticeably affected by it.

Dr. Dagnan Wilson, of Oxford University, who has worked on fluoride poisoning, for several years, agrees with Dr. Sinclair. "More research should first be done," they write in the British Medical Journal.

## FUCHS WAS WRONG

A TOM bomb calculations made for the RAF by Dr. Klaus Fuchs, the Harwell scientist who spied for Russia, proved to be entirely wrong. It was disclosed last week-end.

If RAF scientists had not ignored them, urgent tests to measure the precise effects of atomic explosions on pilots and planes would have been delayed.

Fuchs warned that it would be almost certain death for a pilot to fly near the radioactive mushroom cloud produced by an exploding bomb.

For many minutes, he said, the cloud would set free atomic rays powerful enough to penetrate any aircraft.

## ALARMIST

His findings—made five years ago—were so alarmist that RAF doctor-pilots who were planning to fly through an atomic cloud decided to ignore them.

By the time the RAF doctors grew suspicious of his findings he was already serving a 14-year jail sentence for espionage and could not be questioned further.

So the doctor-pilots prepared a Canberra bomber to fly through the cloud produced by the atom bomb exploded at Woomera 15 months ago.

Group Captain Dennis Wilson, Wing-Commander C. H. Dhuin, and Wing-Commander E. W. Anderson flew through the boiling, brown cloud three times without mishap.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"What I say is, if the defence of Formosa involves a good-will visit from Madame Chiang, I'm against it!"

# THE ROMANS HAD NATIONAL HEALTH IDEAS

NOW and then British National Health Service doctors and dentists are called upon by their respective local executive authority to forfeit something from their remuneration for alleged infringements of the regulations. Such penalties, however, do not in any way match the severity of those liable to be imposed on medical men in 1200 BC when Hammurabi, King of Babylon, had definite ideas on national health service.

In her latest book "Bouquet for the Doctor," Dorothy Flisk provides a history of medicine, and traces its progress from the dark ignorance of the past to the enlightened understanding of today, at the same time revealing that the modern conception of the national health regulations is not nearly so original as it may appear. It is shown that Hammurabi laid down a scale of fees for doctors of his time "with a precision worthy of a national health scheme."

Under the rules from the Code of Hammurabi, the

earliest known medical laws, enacted in 1200 BC, there is a grading of medical fees according to the means of the patient, and the provision of certain penalties sufficiently harsh as to cut short the professional career of the young surgeon in his apprentice days for just one single act of failure.

## NOT TWICE

As Miss Flisk observes: "He is a fortunate practitioner who avoids a mistake all his life. In Babylon, he could never make two."

Among other things, the Hammurabi Code enacted:

If the doctor operates on a wound with a copper lancet, and the patient dies, or on the eye of a gentleman, who loses his eye in consequence, his hands shall be cut off.

The doctor who treats and cures a gentleman's wound or has operated on the eye with a copper lancet, shall charge 10 shekels of silver.

If the patient be a gentleman's servant, the master of the servant shall give two shekels of silver to the doctor.

If the patient be the son of a poor man, he shall take five shekels of silver.

It would appear that at one time the Romans attached little social status to doctors, for "the early blossoming of Greek medicine reaching its fullest development with Hippocrates, met the frost of Roman conquest before it had borne sufficient fruit to prove its usefulness."

Under the Romans, the doctor was a slave. In the open market, the Greek medicus was bought and sold like any other slave. And there were price controls in those days, too—his price in the slave market, as fixed by the code of Justinian, was 60 solidi, or about sixty pounds in the days of golden sovereigns.

Miss Flisk tells us: "In the Roman household the doctor slave was probably a little higher than the valet, but

doubtless lower than the cook, but the doctor had opportunities of lowering the dignity of the contemptuous Roman by his prescription when he discovered, as Mrs. Gamp, that other ornament of attention to the sick, would have remarked."

Julius Caesar, however, improved the position of the doctor in the time of his nephew Augustus, by exempting him from tax, a concession that would no doubt be welcomed by the medical profession today.

## DIM PAST

Tiberius and then Nero, in turn, further increased his prestige, the latter no doubt able to act under the influence of his tutor, Seneca, who said something modern patients go often forget: "People pay the doctor for his trouble; for his kindness, they still remain in his debt."

Miss Flisk touches on the dim past when medicine and surgery

## The NEW-WORD FILM starts its second day as a serial with a Guy dealing with a Dame



ROBERT and NINA 1000 apart

By DAVID LEWIN

The evening was a flop. Although I didn't know it at the time, Nina was not exactly enjoying her freedom either. Her TV show was a big hit. It was a sort of Dr. Dale's diary and the actor who played the heroic doctor invited Nina out to dinner one night. His act away from the television screen was that of a milk-bar Romeo.

"Come to my flat," he said. Nina objected: "I have never been to a man's apartment," she said, "except my husband's. But that was all right—because I lived there too."

At the flat Nina sat on the couch and the actor advanced on her.

"I have waited for this moment," he said. "What I want to tell you is that I think your scripts are brilliant, but could you get rid of the woman who acts with me in them so that my part can be made the really big one?"

He turned round to find that he was talking to thin air. Nina had run out on him.

So there they both were—Robert and Nina—on different sides of town being miserable separately instead of being miserable together.

I had another man-to-man talk with Robert. "The trouble with you, my boy, is you're in a rut," I said firmly.

"Mentally you are still married to the girl who divorced you. You handle her television business, you fix her income tax, but you're divorced now and you've got to start to grow again. You've got to change your personality, your clothes. Grow a moustache."

Robert objected.

"I'd probably look like Groucho Marx—I'm not suited to a moustache."

I brushed his arguments aside.

"A moustache is the important thing. Dames become unpredictable when faced with a moustache. It both rouses them and angers them."

So Robert went out, grew himself a moustache, started wearing loud tweeds and striped waistcoats. He took up dancing lessons and he even tried to paint. He started driving a snazzy English sports car. I was proud of my pupil.

But then he went to see Nina again on business. They were very polite to one another. "I'll show you the way upstairs," offered Nina. "Thanks," said Robert, "but I already know the way."

Nina had spread out her cancelled cheques on the bed. It was a round bed. Robert blinked at "A round bed," said Nina. "That's right," said Nina. "My mother designed it. It has round sheets and round blankets and a round mattress."

Robert looked through the cheques. One of them was to a dancing academy. He held it out in his hand and laughed. "Dancing lessons are an odd thing for someone at your time of life," he said.

Nina stood up: "What do you mean, at my time of life?"

"Well, one hates to see a middle-aged woman making a spectacle of herself," said Robert.

Nina snatched at the cheque. "But what about middle-aged gentlemen who wear silly waistcoats or perfectly ridiculous moustaches?"

The business session broke up in disorder.

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As Robert fell down the stairs (on that loose stair rod) Nina burst into tears.

When her mother found her Nina sobbed "I think I am still in love with Robert." "Nonsense," said her mother. "That's just a neurotic refusal to face the facts. You must try again. What you must do is coolly and carefully select a man who is attractive to you."

And that's where I came in again.

J. W. Taylor

TOMORROW: Together again

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## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WHETHER it will be wise to engage a poet to read excerpts from the last of Huntington's column on the Third Programme is a matter of opinion.

The last did not lead itself to dramatic reading. The piece is all fact, but the author's style is so factual that it is almost impossible to read it with any feeling. The question of intellectual honesty arises. Will it not tend to distract the attention of the listener? Probably a straightforward reading will be best. With emphasis here and there, on an initial "I remember" that when Mr. Huntington spoke of a selection from the book he changed the tone of his voice for such names as "Babelfish", "Garden of Eatin'", "The Great Gatsby", and his name before "Whitcomb". E. L. was fondly approached by the radio audience.

### Pheugh!

STREET conductors must be rubbing their hands with chuckling at the chance to speak to a station audience on the Paris underground railways. "Bonjour, mesdames et messieurs," is a polite, but a little stiff, French greeting. The station conductors are called "Conducteurs de Métro" and their duty is to direct the passengers on the underground railways. They are not to be confused with the "Conducteurs de Chemins de Fer" who are in charge of the main line railways.

### Technically speaking

I SEE that my statement that the two-dimensional nature of the world is a technicality is not only maintained by the use of screw dislocation, but also by the use of the "Laplace" experiment of using terminal elevations, as in boundary cuts, was a miserable failure. It was not a technicality, but a failure. The screw dislocation, which was a technicality, was a failure. The screw dislocation, which was a technicality, was a failure.

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

BORN today, you have a serious mind which likes to delve deeply into things but still has an innate dislike of petty detail. You enjoy doing everything on a large scale and in the grand manner. Fond of travel, it is likely that you will visit many lands during your lifetime. You thrive on new places and on meeting new people, all the time. You are highly adaptable and make an excellent impression wherever you go. You women are inveterate "joiners" and like to join club committees.

You men, especially, have the gift of the written word as well as the spoken word. While you women will be entertaining conversationalists at a party or at a dinner, you men are more inclined to lecture in public on cultural and intellectual subjects. You are very cultured and better than you talk and literature could easily be your life career.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Think over and think over very carefully, before you act. Impulse is not for you just now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Mental and intellectual work is well-favoured. Tackle some important project and finish it.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Creative work and a new inspiration may bring you a long way on the road to success. Opportunity beckons.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Follow some good advice in the morning, act on it when afternoon comes and relax tonight with friends.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If there are differences of opinion over matters on the well, or even be one to make a concession for peace.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You could be fooled by a very slick character today, so look into any new project cautiously.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Accept an invitation to dine out if it is offered. You will be sure to have a wonderful time.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Harmony is the keynote to domestic happiness. It would be well for you to cultivate this.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A new acquaintance who may appear on your horizon today could mean much future happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—The early bird on the job is likely to get a very special reward. It might be a promotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—In signing an agreement today, be sure that you read all the stipulations very carefully.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Preconception is something that is

## DUMB-BELLS

A COMET IS A STAR TAIL—CAN YOU NAME ONE?

MICKEY MOUSE

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Turn Bridge Sleuth: Solve This Problem

By OSWALD JACOBY

IF you fancy yourself as a bridge detective, get out your pipe and your magnifying glass, and get ready to solve the crime that took place in today's hand. You won't have much trouble spotting the crime, but you may try to put the handcuffs on the wrong player.

When the smoke of the bidding cleared away, West opened the king of spades. Declarer ruffed in dummy, took the ace of clubs, and then led out the ace and king of hearts. South next ruffed his remaining spade to get back to dummy and continued with three more rounds of hearts.

West could ruff the last heart, but South had discarded all of his diamonds by that time, and the slam could no longer be defeated.

Obviously the slam should have been defeated. It was a crime to let South make six clubs, but who was the criminal? Decide for yourself before you read on.

It's true that West could have defeated the slam by leading a diamond. Failure to open a diamond does not, however, make West the criminal. There was just no way for him to guess that the normal spade lead would be fatal.

East was the criminal because he might well have guessed that the spade opening lead would be either dangerous or fatal if the enemy went on to six clubs. East should have

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♥ Q J 9 8 5		♥ 7 3	
♦ 9 8 4		♦ A 7 6	
♣ J 7 6 4		♣ A	
WEST		EAST	
♠ K Q 6 5		♠ A J 10 9 8 4 2	
♥ 10 8 4 2		♥ 7 3	
♦ A 7 6		♦ A 7 6	
♣ A 2		♣ A	
SOUTH (D)		EAST	
♠ 7 3		♠ A J 10 9 8 4 2	
♥ A K		♥ 7 3	
♦ K 10 8		♦ A 7 6	
♣ A 10 9 8 5 2		♣ A	
South West North East		South West North East	
1 ♠	Double	1 ♠	4 ♠
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Double
5 ♠	Pass	5 ♠	Pass
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100 ♠	Pass	100 ♠	Pass

bid five diamonds instead of five spades in order to assure the proper opening lead.

Once East has made the jump bid of four spades he has announced that he wants to play the hand at spades no matter what else he may bid later on. If East had not made the jump bid of four spades, he would bid the hand differently.

For this reason East can feel confident that his later bid of five diamonds will be recognised as a cue-bid of some kind.

How can East tell that a diamond lead will be favourable? West's takeout double of one club showed some kind of readiness to support any suit. West cannot have much spade strength, and may have very little in hearts. If North's heart bid is to be believed.

West is therefore quite likely to have good diamonds. If you exchange the king and queen of diamonds in the South and West hands, a diamond opening lead will set the contract three tricks.

## CARD SENSE

Q—With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West North East South  
1 Dmd. Double 2 Dmds. ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-4, Hearts 7-6-2, Diamonds 6-3, Clubs A-J-5-4-2. What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. There should be a game in this hand if your partner has a good major suit of five or more cards. If he bids such a suit, you will immediately raise to game.

If he bids three no-trump, you will pass with confidence. Even if North has a minimum takeout double and chooses to pass, you will feel safe at three clubs.

## TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question last week. You, South, hold: Spades K-7-4, Hearts 7-6-2, Diamonds 6-3, Clubs 8-7-4. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

## Embroidered Stockings



Madame Jacques Fath presents these attractive embroidered stockings in her spring collection. The model is wearing a gown of white organdy.—Agence France-Press.

## Dietician Praises English Breakfast

A WORD of praise for the English breakfast comes from dark-eyed (and slender) Pedro Rosello, one of Brazil's leading dietitians.

Pedro Rosello is quite forthright about what one should and should not eat. "There's a great deal of nonsense talked about dieting and far too many

people eat far too little in the quite mistaken belief that by doing so they will keep fit."

About breakfasts, the Brazilian goes on to comment that breakfasts are essential. "A man cannot do an efficient morning's work on a cup of coffee and two slices of toast. People the world over could not do better than to eat a really good Eng-

lish breakfast." Asked what he meant by such a breakfast, Pedro Rosello replies: "Cereal. Two slices of bacon and an egg. Two cups of coffee or tea with milk and sugar and at least three slices of toast, butter and marmalade or honey. If you want to make sure of things then I advise an extra egg or a kipper or two."

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

### Brave General Tin

—His Greatest Exploit Was to Catch a Mouse—

By MAX TRELL

THERE was no one in the whole world braver than General Tin. And everyone said so. Even General Tin said so, though quite modestly because he didn't like to boast.

"I'm probably the bravest tin soldier in the whole world," he said, also quite modestly.

### Superlative Praise

"In the whole town?" said Knarf. "Why, I bet you're the bravest soldier in the whole country."

"Could be," said General Tin. "In the whole country?" cried Knarf. "Why, you're the bravest tin soldier in the whole world!"

"Well," said General Tin, "that may be going a little too far."

Here Teddy the Stuffed Bear came toddling over. He had just been down in the cellar, trying to spin a top. He was all covered with dust and bits of wood. What had happened was that he had wound the

string by mistake around himself instead of around the top so that it was he who did the spinning while the top rested quietly on its side, watching.

Having just heard the last part of Knarf's remark to General Tin, Teddy the Stuffed Bear said: "If you're the bravest soldier in the whole world, General Tin, what did you ever do that was so brave?"

"I'll tell you what I did," said General Tin. "I once went up to a lion and snapped my fingers right in his face."

Knarf and Knarf both gasped with surprise and admiration at General Tin's bravery.

But Teddy the Stuffed Bear said: "Was the lion in a cage, General Tin?"

"A-hem," said General Tin, giving a little cough. "As a matter of fact, he was. The incident took place at a zoo."

"What braver thing did you do?" asked Teddy.

"One day," said General Tin, "I noticed a fire burning. Smoke was rising up. At the risk of my own life, I rushed over and put the fire out."

Again Knarf and Knarf gasped with surprise and admiration for his wonderful deed of bravery.

But Teddy said: "Was the fire in the kitchen, General Tin?"

"A-hem," said General Tin. "It was."

"In the stove?" General Tin nodded.

"The gas stove?" "Yes, my boy."

"So," said Teddy, "you put out the fire by turning off the gas in the gas stove."

"That happens to be what I did," said General Tin.

"Not very brave," said Teddy.

"But one day," said General Tin, who did not seem at all dismayed by Teddy's remarks, "I went hunting with the cat and caught a mouse. It was the bravest thing I ever did."

### Complicated Hunting

Knarf and Knarf looked disappointed. So did Teddy the Stuffed Bear. But Mrs. Kitty Catnip, who was taking a nap on the other side of the room, opened her eyes when she heard the word mouse. "He's right," she said, "catching a mouse is one of the hardest and bravest things anyone can do. You may



General Tin tells a doubting Teddy about his courage.

think it easy to catch a mouse. But just try chasing one all around a dark cellar—in and out of corners—and under barrels and old trunks—in and out of piles of wood and heaps of newspapers—see if you can do all this without bumping your head or falling on your face."

When Knarf and Knarf heard this, they agreed that General Tin was indeed brave, more than brave, to be able to catch a mouse.

Even Teddy admitted that this was so. He was a hard one to convince.

KEEP IN TRIM . . . By IDA JEAN KAIN

## Simple Exercises For Measurement Control



POUNDS are perverse. Willy nilly they pile on the already padded parts. Why? It's the least used muscles which become flabby—and flabby muscles invite fat and more fat. With inactivity, pounds just naturally settle around the waist, spread across the abdomen and over the hips. The tissues of the breasts are susceptible to fatty deposit and the overly large bust is almost always due to overweight.

Dress size is determined not only by your weight, but by the figure controlling measurements—bust, waist, abdomen, hips. General reducing will bring your weight down. But this may give you the same proportions on a smaller scale. To have a more shapely figure with less weight, direct your exercise to improve your proportions.

To understand the role of exercise in relation to the bust, think of the bust as being supported by ligaments and muscles. Although the breasts are glands, they are supported by the powerful pectoral muscles which lie just underneath the breasts, spread fanwise across the chest, clear to the collar bones, and narrow in a fan handle which inserts in a groove in the upper arm.

The first exercise helps to strengthen the pectoral muscles while stretching the area from waist to wishbone. Here we go.

Position: Standing feet apart, girdle muscles pulled snugly up, arms down at sides, shoulders easy.

Movement: With right arm, make wide circles, circling forward, up and around and down. Circle slowly, and p-u-l-l slim all through the middle measurement, pulling the waist up and away from hips, and the ribs up out of the waist—stretch and circle. As you hit the slow, easy rhythm, you will find it natural to circle with first one arm and then the other, alternating arms. Continue only until pleasantly stretched, 8 to 10 times.

To strengthen the abdominal muscles while slimming hips, finish with this exercise. Position: Lying on left side, head on folded arm, legs straight down.

Action: Flex right knee smartly to chest, then leg straight down, then swing vigorously toward rear. Hold! Flex again and repeat. Change sides







## TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM

## Don't Fear The 'Spider'

The 'Spider,' like the half-butt and the long-butt, is an awkward instrument. That I won't deny. But all of us at some time or another are faced with a position whereby the cue-ball is blocked by a cluster of other balls and the ordinary bridge-hand is impossible.

The 'Spider' is the only means of overcoming this difficult situation. So in studying the game, be sure to place the correct value on this strange looking implement.

## Army League Soccer Standings

The following were the Major and Minor Unit League cricket standings up to and including Wednesday Feb. 2.

MAJOR UNITS	P	W	L	T	Pts
22 Med Regt RA	5	1	1	2	10
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10
20 Fd Regt RA	5	1	1	2	10
N Staff	5	1	1	2	10
100 Sig Regt	5	1	1	2	10
72 LAA Regt RA	5	1	1	2	10
100 Sig Regt	5	1	1	2	10
100 Sig Regt	5	1	1	2	10
100 Sig Regt	5	1	1	2	10
100 Sig Regt	5	1	1	2	10

MINOR UNITS	P	W	L	T	Pts
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10
11 RASC	5	1	1	2	10

## WEEK-END HOCKEY

With Army 'A' leaving for a series of hockey matches in Malaya, this and the following week's programme in the Men's First Division is somewhat curtailed.

The following are the fixtures for all divisions of the League:

SATURDAY	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

SUNDAY	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

FUTURE FIXTURES	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

ARMY HOCKEY	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

206 LAA RA have won the Minor Units (South) Hockey League. Favourites for several weeks now, they made the title theirs by virtue of a great 5-1 win over 6 HAA By whose goalkeeper alone prevented double figures.	
206 By have played good, clean hockey throughout the season and whilst being held to a draw on three occasions, were never defeated.	
With very few games left to play, the League positions as on February 6, 1955, were:	
206 LAA By .. 12 9 3 1 40 81	
100 (Hm) .. 12 9 3 1 40 81	
100 (Hm) .. 12 9 3 1 40 81	
100 (Hm) .. 12 9 3 1 40 81	
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## STEADY HAND

Assume for a moment that your opponent has left you unmolested a cluster of balls. The position is such that you have to play over the black. You can't afford to give four away, let alone seven, and so from the time you take the Spider in your hand to the time you give it back to the referee or replace it in the rack you have to approach the matter with a cool head and a steady hand.

While I am not a slow player I am sure that you do not want to see other people to be so. For this is so often the cause of a break in concentration. I do say that, when using the Spider, you go about the matter carefully and methodically. Once you have placed the Spider in position, hold it firmly. Then carefully rest the cue in the middle groove and get as near as you can to the cue-ball. Your cue will be raised to avoid the other balls, but keep the tip as high as possible when playing the stroke. Otherwise in drawing back you may move another ball.

You have now played the stroke successfully and you breathe a sigh of relief, but beware that at this moment you don't foul a ball when moving the Spider from the table. I have seen this done so many times. So reserve that sigh of relief until the Spider is clear and safely in the hands of the referee.

## Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

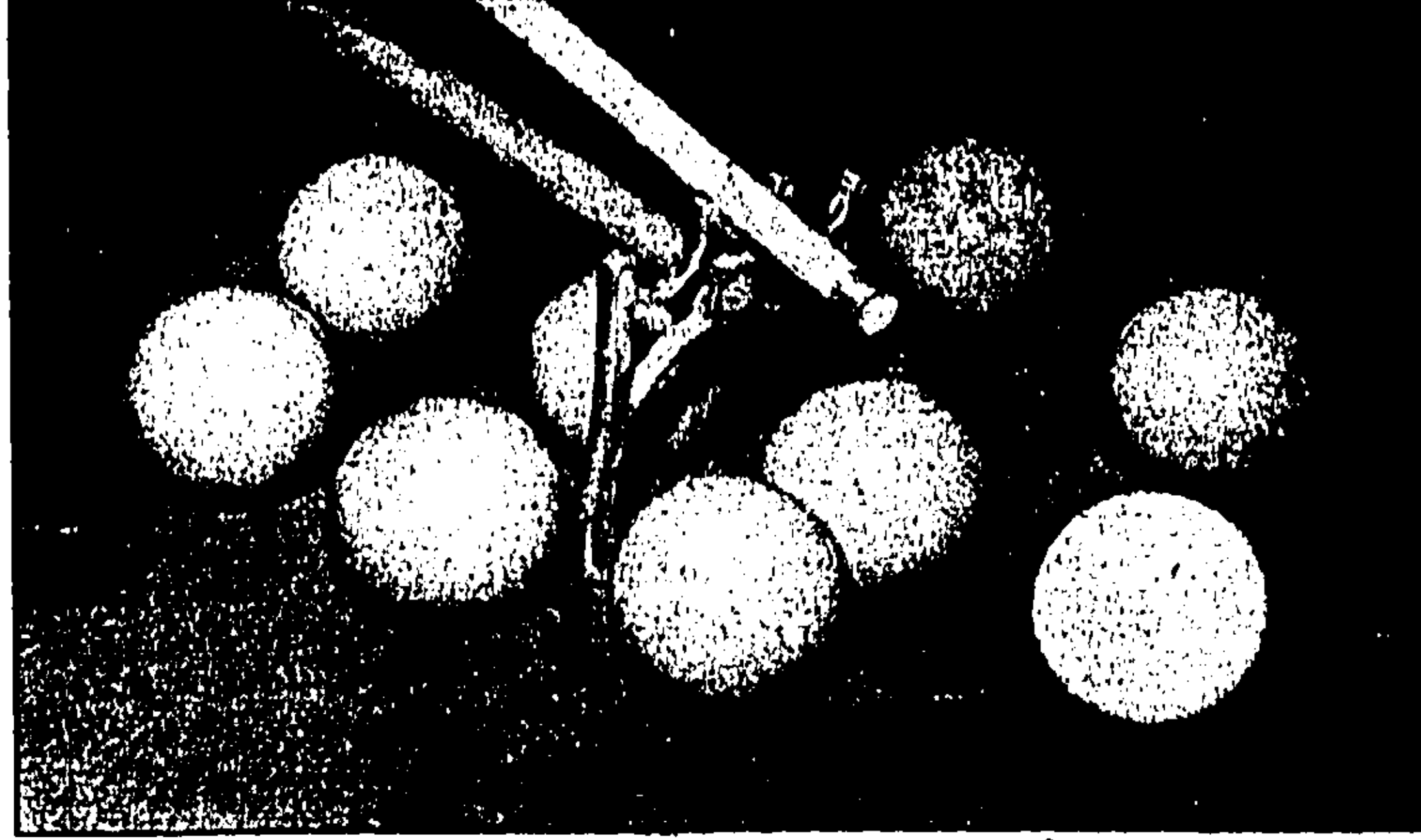
The following are the Home Soccer fixtures for Saturday, Feb. 12.

Division I	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
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11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

Division II	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

Division III	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC

Division IV	Home	Away
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC
11 RASC	11 RASC	11 RASC



The 'Spider' in use.

## The Picture Of The "Spring Double" Becomes A Little Clearer

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Feb. 8.

The picture of the "Spring Double", the Lincolnshire Handicap and Grand National, is a little clearer, though not much, with the announcement of the first acceptors. There will be a final acceptance for each race next month.

Forty-nine horses have stood their ground for the flat race and 51 for the big chase. There were no really surprising withdrawals for either race. The most noteworthy Lincoln entries for whom forfeit has been declared are Moonlight Express, Stormy Hour and Sharragh; and Lanveo Poulmic, Statecraft and Stormhead in the Grand National.

What is interesting is that trainer Jack Jarvis has withdrawn Story Hour and left in the Cambridge Handicap winner, Minstrel. For this assistance backers have to be grateful for many had thought the five-year-old Ascot winner was the better handicapped and would represent the Newmarket trainer in preference to Minstrel.

Though Willie Stephenson has taken out Sharragh, he is still represented by the five-year-old Harry Lime and Sweet, a four-year-old. They are in different ownership and both might take their chance. There appears at present to have been no market move for either.

The defection of Moonlight Express was not unexpected earlier he had been spoken of as a possible winner. As for the Grand National non-acceptors, Miss Dorothy Puget, the owner of Lanveo Poulmic, still has two sound horses in Mont Tremblant, second two years ago, and Mr Chippendale.

Trainer Peter Cazalet, who has withdrawn Statecraft, is still represented by the Royal entry, Mas Tu Vu, Red Tube and Munster. King 11, Yorkshire trainer Willie Hall, who handles Stormhead, has Witty, who ran prominently two years ago, still in the race.

Of those still left in the National 10 have already raced for the "Blue Riband" of the chasing world.

SEVEN SUCCESSFUL Among these are seven that completed the course last year in finishing order, they are Royal Tan, Tudor Line, Irish Lizzy, Churchtown, Martinique, Uncle Barney and Onray.

It is said, though it has been refuted, that opportunity never knocks at the same door twice, but for all that last year's runner-up, Tudor Line, is well expected to go one better this year.

## Swedish, British Players Advance In P.I. Tourney

Swedish and British players advanced today to the quarter-finals of the Doubles in the Philippine National Open tennis championships.

Leonard Bergelin and Sven Davidsson, Swedish Davis Cup team members, defeated F. Gonzales and A. Lorton of the Philippines 6-0, 6-3, 6-3. In the Singles Davidson beat R. Escobar 6-0, 6-3 and 6-1, while Bergelin disposed of Amado Sanchez 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

## Army Cricket Standings

The following were the Major and Minor Units League Soccer standings up to and including January 31.

Major Units	P	W	L	T	Pts
1 Kings	10	6	0	2	12
7 Hummers	8	0	1	2	10
1 Kings Own	8	0	1	2	10
1 N. Staff	8	0	1	2	10
42 Fd Regt RA	7	2	2	3	10
100 Sig Regt	7	2	2	3	10
22 Fd Regt RA	6	3	1	2	12
32 Med Regt RA	6	2	4	0	14
100 Sig Regt	6	2	4	0	14
14 Fd Regt RA	6	1	0	1	13
27 Gurkha	4	0	4	2	17
100 Sig Regt	4	0	4	2	17
100 Sig Regt	4	0	4	2	17
100 Sig Regt	4	0	4	2	17
100 Sig Regt	4	0	4	2	17

## First Games Of Schoolboys' Shuttle Tourney

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Schools Sports Association the first round fixtures of the Colony Schoolboys and Schoolgirls Badminton Championships were held yesterday evening at Grantham Training College.

In the Schoolboys Open Singles, Loh Chung-hon (SSC) beat Wong Hin-nin (QC) 15-2, 15-4; Robert Yung (SJC) beat Chan Zuen-yuen (SSC) 9-15, 15-7, 15-5; Sul Chue (QC) beat Man Kwok-wai (DBS) 15-6, 15-9.

In the Schoolboys Junior Singles, Sinn Ding-yuen (JSC) beat Chang Dah-yuen (SJC) 11-0, 11-8; Wong Kai-lung (S.P. So-ed) beat Woo Man-lai (Id. Rd. G.S.) 11-4, 11-5; Ng Siu-ying (WYHK) beat Chan Chi-bor (KC) 11-5, 11-8.

## COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIP

The semi-finals of the Colony Squash Championship, which were played off last night at Victoria Colonnade, saw David Coffey, the conqueror of last year's champion, Rory Macpherson, gain his way into the final in a three straight set win over Jenkins. The scores were 9-5, 8-3, 9-5.

In the other semi-final, Lt Col Sullivan beat Peters in four sets winning 1-9, 9-0, 10-8 and 9-5.

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BELGIANS PLAN TO OUTLAW BOXING  
By ERIC KENNEDY

Civil war rages in Belgium's sports world. On the one side are the anti-boxing and anti-wrestling brigade, led by veteran Catholic M. P. Marcel Philippart. On the other, the supporters of both, led by a determined bunch of promoters.

Philippart has got in the first blow. His bill to outlaw boxing and all-in wrestling in Belgium has been adopted by the Justice Commission of the Chamber of Deputies—Belgium's Lower House.

Eight of the Commission voted in favour. No one voted against. Four abstained.

Philippart is not against boxing as an exercise. "But," he claims, "the same cannot be said of organised bouts where it is a question of hitting with such violence that it renders the opponent powerless. Such blows often have serious effects, physically and mentally."

As evidence, the Commission heard a report by Dr. Ley, honorary professor at Brussels University. Said the Doctor: "Boxing and all-in wrestling should be outlawed just as professional gladiators were outlawed in Rome through the influence of the Church fathers."

TWO YEARS GAOL If the bill becomes law, boxers, wrestlers and even spectators could be sent to prison for up to two years for the first offence.

Jesse Carver To Coach Coventry  
Jesse Carver, coach to the Italian club Roma, is returning to English soccer next season. Jesse, regarded on the Continent as one of the finest coaches in the game, has accepted an appointment as manager-coach to Coventry City, the Third Division club. His salary of £5,000 a year will make him the highest paid manager in Britain. (London Express Service).

ASF & OC MEETING  
The Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Council announced that the sixth meeting of the Council will take place in the Board Room of the South China Club, 100, Queen's Road, on Monday, February 28 at 5.30 p.m. The main item on the agenda will be the Olympic Games at Melbourne next year.

## Sports Diary

TODAY  
Army Championships commence.  
Meeting.  
HKASA Council Meeting. Club  
Lustiano, 5.15 p.m.  
RA/RE 40 Int. Division Athletic  
Meeting. Boundary Street.

TOMORROW  
Inter-school League, King's Park.  
Meeting.  
HKASA Council Meeting. Marina  
House, 5.30 p.m.  
2nd Paid Regiment Athletic Meeting.  
Boundary Street 2.30 p.m.  
School Championships at Queen's College.

Another of the National long shots, also ten years of age, also bottom weight, also owned and trained by one of the "little" men of National Hunt, "chasing" Mr. Len Colville, is Dark Stranger.

This gelding, by Mazzerin, won the Liverpool Foxhunters

Dark Stranger, by Mazzerin, won the Liverpool Foxhunters







## TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## AMERICAN ECONOMY

## Far Eastern Situation Forces Steel Buyers To Cover Future Needs

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 7.

Steel—bellwether of the U.S. economy—showed more firmness last week than in months.

The booming auto industry—biggest steel users—showed no signs of a let-up. Construction continues at record levels. And appliance manufacturers are coming back into the market for new supplies as sales continue to move upward.

The Far Eastern crisis over Formosa has helped make steel buyers more anxious about covering for future requirements. All this has meant more business for the industry.

But last week, further strength and business became more noticeable—and from an unexpected source.

More and more tonnage is being sought in American mills from a steel-hungry Europe. With Western Europe eating and living better, overseas mills have been unable to keep up with the heavy demand in U.S. mills to supplement the already strong European production. Demand appears heavier for semi-finished steel but there are lots of business done for finished products as well.

## WANT U.S. SCRAP

And European scrap is reportedly canvassing U.S. yards for scrap to keep their furnaces burning.

Only a few short months ago, Europe was a seller of steel

here, and still is, although to an increasingly minor degree.

U.S. export business usually amounts to about 3 to 5 per cent of total shipments by the steel industry. Estimates placing this year's export at 1,000,000 tons are now being revised upward to about 3,000,000 tons.

This unexpected trend has helped revise the thinking of some industry leaders. Heretofore forecasts were generally predicated on a two-month basis. Now there's more talk that business will stay high for at least six months.

## MOTORS EXPERIENCE

As an indication of Europe's scramble for U.S. steel, the Wall Street Journal cited the experience of William H. Muller and Co., of New York, suppliers of part of General Motors' and Ford Motors' European needs.

This firm has already bought 60,000 tons of slabs from the American Midwest and Canada and obtained an option on 30,000 more. The firm is agents for a big Dutch mill at Ijmuiden supplying the European needs of the two American auto makers.

Three U.S. dealers in scrap, it added, have been commissioned to supply all the mills of France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Holland, Luxembourg and the Saar. Members of the European Coal and Steel Community, these countries imported almost no scrap up to last June. This week, the Wall Street Journal noted, it expected to buy 1,850,000 tons.

## ELSEWHERE

Elsewhere in brief: Stock prices continued strong this week as demand continued heavy for the so-called "war babies"—issues linked with defense production. But commodities, which spurred the previous week on the heels of the mounting Far East tension over Formosa showed signs of easing last week. Buying was said to be generally confined to covering minimal forward requirements. There is less noticeable scarce buying also.

Gold and dollar holdings continued to increase in 1954, but at a more moderate rate than in 1953, according to a study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. At the year end, dollar holdings totaled 25.0 billion dollars. An increase of 1.9 billion for the year. The gain during 1953 totaled 2.0 billion.

The 1954 rise in foreign gold and dollar holdings was largely confined to continental Western Europe, the sterling area and Canada. Latin America failed to add to its dollar holdings, while the non-sterling nations of Asia suffered a moderate loss. Almost half of the rise was in the form of gold, the Bank

## New York Sugar Market

New York, Feb. 7. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point higher with sales of 55 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed one lower to two points higher with sales of 52 contracts.

Both the world and domestic contracts ruled quiet in mixed dealings between trade interests. Offerings of domestic raw sugar were light and consisting mainly of Philippines for end-February arrival.

A total of 113 Cuban mills out of 161 were reported grinding the new crop. Future closings:

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## Delayed Action

JUST as the Christmas season these days tends to spread on one side of the festival into autumn and even late summer, so do its repercussions reach out in the other direction almost until spring is on hand.

At the Clerkenwell court, the other morning, a tale of Christmas Eve was told to the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell.

The scene was a tavern set in one of those small grey streets that spread like the threads of a web spun by a drunken spider, in all directions from the south side of the Pentonville Road.

**A CARELESS WORD**

TUE bars of the inn were packed. Drink was flowing with mill-race urgency down the throats of men and women who for some reason always find themselves at that season, seized with unshakeable thirsts.

There even was something like a spirit of good will abroad in the bars, but that was a thing so fragile that there seemed not a chance of its surviving until closing time.

Indeed, it did not. A careless word was dropped that someone took as a slight. A moment later the air was thick with insults, and a moment after that it was bottles and glasses and fists that flew through the smoky air. Good will fled.

**KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS**

THE hub of the trouble appeared to be a stocky little Irishman, who had a shock of fair hair and a brow as thick as almost to constitute a secret language of his own. His name was Dennis, and when the police arrived on the bar-room battlefield, he was arrested.

Dennis was presently brought to Clerkenwell, and tried for having been drunk and disorderly. That appeared to be the end of the matter.

However, it was not, for a little later there came to the court a woman who claimed she had been knocked unconscious by Dennis in the row in the bar. She applied for a summons for assault, and then retired to hospital, where she stayed some weeks, recovering from her injuries.

**I NEVER TOUCHED HER**

THE other morning, Dennis was shown again into the dock at the Clerkenwell court, and from there he pleaded not guilty, before Mr. Frank Powell, to an assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

"I was just going to pick up my husband which two gentlemen had knocked down," said the lady in the case, "when this gentleman (she nodded at Dennis) punches me and knocks me out."

"She's a liar," cried Dennis. He took the oath, and said: "I was fighting her husband, but I never touched this woman."

**A FREE-FOR-ALL**

"SHE says you knocked her out," said Mr. Powell.

"Nivver touched her," Dennis said, "and I've a witness."

Dennis's witness, a dark young man, followed him into the box.

"Did you see this man involved in a fight?" Mr. Powell asked.

"Everyone was involved in a fight," the young man answered, and his eyes sparkled as if the memory was sweet.

"Did you see him fight that lady there?"

"I niver saw her at all."

"I find you guilty," said the magistrate to Dennis. He asked if anything was known. There were seven previous convictions. "Go to prison for one month," the magistrate said.

Dennis was led away. Going, he muttered something half aloud, in his secret language. What it was, no one knew but as his glance was upon the lady in the case it may have been some Gaelic variation on the theme of "Compliments of the season."

**RETURN TO HK ON VACATION**

Mr. J. D. Alexander, former Managing Director of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., who left the Colony on retirement last March, returned here with Mrs. Alexander from London this morning. In the RMS Caribbea for a month's vacation.

## The Commonwealth Family



Queen Elizabeth, happy head of the British Commonwealth, and lovely in a crinoline dress of white lace entertains her Ministers, Sir Godfrey Huggins, Central Africa Federation; Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistan; Mr. Robert Menzies, Australia; Mr. Charles Swart, South Africa's Minister of Justice who is representing his Prime Minister; Sir Winston Churchill, Britain; Mr. Sidney Holland, New Zealand; Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canada; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, India; Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylon, to dinner at Buckingham Palace.—London Express.

## VASELINE CONTRACT CASE DECISION Judgment For \$304,032 For Plaintiffs

Judgment with costs for the plaintiffs for \$304,032.96 was granted by Mr. Justice J. Reynolds at Supreme Court this morning, against Cedar Enterprise Co., and two of its partners, sued as guarantors on a transaction of 200 metric tons of vaseline.

The plaintiffs, Messrs. Gordon Woodroffe and Co., (Far East) Ltd., of 316, Edinburgh House, were represented by Mr. T. Shurlock, instructed by Mr. M. E. Ives of Wilkinson and Grist. Defendants were not present in Court and were not represented.

In his opening, Mr. Shurlock said on August 27, 1951, plaintiffs entered into a contract with the Cathay Engineering Co. for 200 metric tons of vaseline. The terms were payment of 10 per cent performance bond, and a letter of guarantee for the full remaining purchase price to be opened within 30 days of signing of the contract.

The Cathay Engineering Company supplied the bond but failed to provide the necessary letter of guarantee and the bond was forfeited to the plaintiffs.

Later, negotiations were made between the two parties and it was agreed that plaintiffs would account for the forfeited bond provided that a new contract was entered into on terms proposed by plaintiffs.

## More Floods Sweep South-west France

Paris, Feb. 7.

Swollen rivers, heavy with four days of rain spread flood waters over low-lying farmlands of western and south-western France today, disrupting road traffic and driving hundreds of persons from their homes.

The turbulent Garonne, rushing west to the Atlantic 385 miles from Languedoc, burst through open breaches in its dykes near Bordeaux and covered corn and tobacco fields with water. A number of hamlets were isolated and fishing boats brought farmers food and clothing.

The Garonne rose more than four feet in 48 hours at La Reole.

The 650-mile River Loire rose threateningly at Noyers and in the heart of the famous Chateau country at Chinon it surpassed the peak flood stage reached last month.

The river's quarters of a dozen cities were in danger, including Noyers, Poitiers, Bourges, Angoulême, Niort and Fontenay. In the rush of waters west from the mountains and highlands to the Atlantic.

Weather forecasts said the rain would continue.—United Press.

## Fog Disrupts Kai Tak Flight Schedules

Heavy fog over the Colony this morning disrupted the schedules of incoming and outgoing flights at Kai Tak.

Delayed flights included PAA from Tokyo (due in at 8.45 a.m.) arrived at noon; JAL from Tokyo (due at 8 a.m.) now scheduled to arrive at 2.20 p.m.; Air India and BOAC flights for Tokyo scheduled to take off at 9 a.m. are still grounded, while the CPA flight for Bangkok due to leave at 7 a.m., and the Qantas flight for Iwakuni (postponed from yesterday) are also still at Kai Tak.

The TAC flight from Bangkok cleared over Kai Tak for three hours and finally gave up hope of landing and continued to Taipei.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### More About Inflexibility

Sir,—I heartily agreed with your correspondent "Listener" that the Comment of the Day about Radio Hongkong referred to the inflexibility of the station and not necessarily to cricket alone. The Test broadcast, or the near exclusion of it, was merely an item to make your point and this should have been abundantly clear to "Wot More Cricket!"

Noticing a photograph of the Oxford crew in today's China Mail reminds me of the inflexibility of Radio Hongkong a few years ago when the BBC commentator's boat, which was following the race, broke down and the crews were disappearing in the distance. Last heard of the said commentator was his voice crying and praying for the BBC to do something. Radio Hongkong did something—the disc jockey put on some light records and having achieved this near miracle of flexibility left me wondering about my \$10 bet. Some 15 minutes later we got the result. What I did not know was that about 10 minutes later the BBC also did something—they switched to their television men along the banks of the river to carry on with the broadcast and in Radio Hongkong one of the most interesting races of all time was being followed by members of the staff but not by Radio Hongkong listeners.

Flexibility? No, not on your life. The announcer said we would get music, and we got it. A.B.C.

### Back From Leave

The Assistant Director of Marine, Mr. A. G. Parker, and Mrs. Parker returned from leave in the RMS Caribbea from the United Kingdom this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been away for the last nine months.

# The Quie Case Resumes: Cross-Examination Of Dr Curran Continues

Explaining the difficulties and misconceptions arising in the use of psychiatric terminology, London Psychiatrist, Dr Desmond Curran said in the Quie case this morning that to the man in the street the word "mania" gave the picture of a raving lunatic. On the other hand there could be a manic case suffering from severe disturbance of judgment who yet would strike the ordinary man as being perfectly normal.

Mr John McNeill, QC, apologised to the Court for inconveniencing them by his absence yesterday. He declined an invitation from Mr Justice T. J. Gould to continue his cross-examination of Dr Curran seated.

The cross-examination this morning was punctuated by interruptions of Crown Counsel who repeatedly challenged Mr McNeill's version of the evidence from the plaintiff's Counsel a complaint that Mr Blair-Kerr was being a "Jack-in-a-Box" again.

At one stage when Dr Curran apologised for being slow because he wanted to repeat circumstances he was asked to assume "to be quite sure."

Mr McNeill said he hoped the witness was not being slow deliberately.

"I resent that," Dr Curran declared.

Defendants are Dr P. M. Yap, Government psychiatrist and medical officer-in-charge of the Mental Hospital, Dr S. H. Moore of the Medical Department and Prof. A. J. S. McFadden of Queen Mary Hospital.

Plaintiff is Mr Joseph Leslie Quie. He is suing damages for alleged injury to himself from negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation, or for his certification as being of unsound mind and consequential confinement in a mental home.

Mr Quie is represented by Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Leong and Mr R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva.

Defendants are represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel.

**NO BASIS WHATSOEVER**

I asked you to assume that behaviour such as crying, a stream of irrational conversation and any other thing that a layman would call an abnormality, freely and clearly noted throughout the books. If you assume that and you find that in Mr Quie's case there is nothing of such abnormality noted between March 15 and the time he was away, do you not agree that these hospital books afford no basis whatever for the conclusion that Mr Quie was of unsound mind?

Mr McNeill: A severe attack has been made upon certain functions which Dr Stungo has given. Having established this point I am going to proceed to the definitions he gave. Assuming that this document conveys a high degree of mania do you find that consistent with the absence from the hospital reports of abnormal behaviour?

Witness: I do. Might I explain that? I think that the terms mania and manic are very good examples of the difficulties and misconceptions that arise in the use of psychiatric terminology. Psychiatrists are faced with the dilemma of either using technical terms which are more or less unintelligible to the layman, or of using terms in common usage in technical sense, and hence highly misleading.

I think mania is a typical example of this difficulty. I am sure mania to the ordinary person in the street implies a raving lunatic; to doctors it certainly does not. In interpreting "severe" as applied to many doctors would, I believe, imply something quite different to the conception the ordinary lay person would have in using such a term. To me patients could be suffering from a severe degree of mania (as I would use the term) and as I believe, other psychiatrists would use it, but he might strike the ordinary person meeting him casually, or the ordinary uninformed person, as not being sick at all. You can have a manic state of very severe disturbance of judgment and yet he might strike the ordinary person meeting him as being normal.

enough, Dr Yap told us that no other grandiose idea was expressed by Mr Quie in the mental hospital than that he had made a million dollars in nine months. I ask you to assume that is so.

Mr Blair-Kerr: He should not be asked to assume that. It is not true.

Mr McNeill: It is true. I will put it like this: the only items discussed by Dr Yap himself and Mr Quie in relation to grandiose ideas or delusions was that Mr Quie said he had made a million dollars in nine months and had a belief in certain building projects. Will you assume that?

Witness: If I am told to assume that I must, but I don't think it is so.

Mr Blair-Kerr interrupted to say it was not only building projects.

Mr McNeill retorted that Mr Blair-Kerr was behaving "like a jack-in-the-box again."

He continued his cross-examination asking the witness to assume what he said was true, after the judge asked Mr Blair-Kerr to sit down.

Dr Curran repeated what he was asked to assume, apologising for being so slow.

"It hope not deliberately," remarked Mr McNeill.

"I resent that," retorted Dr Curran.

Does that not apply to the seeing of important people?—I think it would be important insofar as it was claimed to be relevant. But I don't think it is relevant to the question whether it was sensible or wise to let Mr Quie demand to see these people. We do not want to restrict a patient's activities but we do things for their benefit; we stop the patient from doing some things to protect their feelings afterwards.

Seeing Professor McFadden's application and assessing that it indicated severe mania—a danger to himself and others—would you expect to find in the hospital records some indication of violence?—I think one would usually in really severe manias, but not necessarily. The emphasis is that what we mean by severe is very different to a layman's view.

**FLIGHT OF IDEAS**

But if there is violence you would hope to find it in the report?—It depends on the degree and type of violence. It should be reported, but in hospitals in Great Britain many cases of minor violence are not reported.

Dr Curran was referred to his book on Psychiatric Medicine where he described a flight of ideas.

He said that if a person was showing a flight of ideas the disturbance of thinking would prevent concentration on any given subject for any length of time. But people could show a flight of ideas one moment of the day and not at another.

Mr McNeill said that Prof. McFadden testified that in his consultation with Mr Quie he obtained a substantial amount of information about Mr Quie's physical illness.

Mr Blair-Kerr contended that this was not true; that Prof. McFadden's evidence was that he obtained very little information about Mr Quie's physical illness from the patient.

"That is what Prof. McFadden said to you, but he did not say the same to me," declared Mr McNeill.

The case is continuing.

**MISLEADING**

Does that apply to demanding to see important people?—I think that one cannot itemise. Taking a single instance is frightfully misleading. Investigations are important to

**DEW A PICTURE**

Dr Yap had suggested to you that Mr Quie did not speak Chinese?—I got the impression from somewhere.

You know his father was Chinese?—I was so informed.

You heard that Mr Quie drew a picture of Dr Yap and put down in Chinese characters "Mad Doctor"?—I was so informed.

Counsel referred the witness to the three hospital report books and asked him to read passages concerning another patient, Tong, and Mr Quie.

He entered on March 16 at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. were that Tong was restless, talking nonsense, clapping his hands, slapping his thighs, banging on the door of the padded room, stripping himself and was unresponsive to questions, while Mr Quie was conversing sensibly and behaved well and was co-operative.

At those two times on the following day, according to the reports read by the witness the patient, Tong, was restless and noisy and banging on the door and irrational in his conversation, but Mr Quie appeared sensible in speech and behaviour.

Mr McNeill: These are samples. I am suggesting to you that if you look anywhere in the dressers' report books and in the head male nurse's book you will find perfectly plain statements of any abnormal behaviour on the part of patients. I invite you to do so.

Witness: It depends in what you mean by abnormal behaviour.

I mean what Dr Yap has told us, anything abnormal, not to be found in a normal person; crying is one—I have not had a chance of reading through

**SERIOUSLY ILL**

Dr Stungo has said that that document conveyed to him a degree of mania which he described as acute—I do not think that without knowing more about the case it was reasonable to draw any conclusion other than that the man was seriously mentally ill.

Assuming that Dr Stungo said that conveyed to him acute mania, you cannot say he was positively wrong in coming to that conclusion on the document?

Mr Blair-Kerr: That is not so. Dr Stungo was asked what he understood by the word "maniacal" in the document. He was not asked about the document as a whole. I think the term "maniacal" is seldom used by psychiatrists.

You gave an example of one symptom, like saying he was the King of China, not being

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